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UMD CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

By Jen Draz

Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD's Black Student Association (BSA) is sponsoring events throughout February as part of Black History Month celebrations to raise awareness to the importance of black history.

Black History Month started out in 1926 as Black History Week when the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Carter G. Woodson wanted to show that blacks played an important role in the progress of society, according to an essay written by Daryl Michael Scott of Howard University.

During the civil rights movement in the 1960's, there was a call for more than just a week of celebrating black history, according to Scott's essay.

In 1976, 50 years after black history week was first celebrated, it was changed to black history month.

Woodson picked February for Black History Month because both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass' birthdays are in February. Both were key figures in the move forward of black culture, according to Scott's essay.

Associate professor of history Nkasa Yelengi said the start of Black History Month was rooted in the civil rights

movement.

"You first needed to recognize that black people had rights, then you recognize they have a history worth remembering," said Yelengi.

After the civil rights movement, blacks still faced challenges.

The American culture is a culture of opposition, according to sociology professor John Hamlin.

This means that instead of looking at a culture by itself, it is looked at in comparison to something else.

Problems such as poverty or crime are perceived as black problems according to Hamlin.

"White is so dominant that we don't think of it any other way," said Hamlin. "If it wasn't that way, then you wouldn't need Black History Month."

Black History Month is to meant to bring out cultural accomplishments.

"Black history is always focused on racism but there are so many other things about the black culture," said Shaniqua Singleton president of UMD's BSA. "All the cultures are very intertwined, which is what made America work in the first place."

Yelengi said that Black History Month is a celebration of culture and remembering the past.

"Their past was not bright at all so where they come from will not be cel-



AP PHOTO

Top: Rosa Parks

Bottom: Martin Luther King, Jr.

ebrated," said Yelengi.

At UMD the black history month celebration will include movies playing through out the month on Thursdays concluding with the final movie playing on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

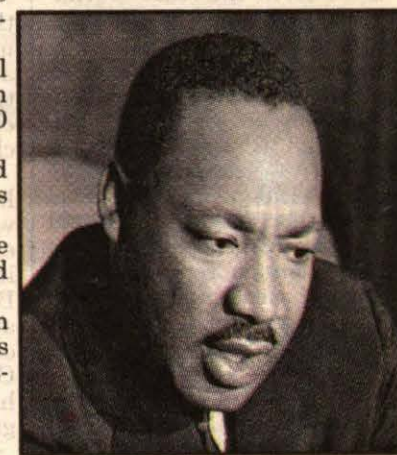
Also the month will include a "Soul Food Dinner" for everyone located in the Kirby Ballroom from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 17.

Singleton organized the events and said that it is nice that everyone is there to celebrate together.

"I would like people to feel a sense of connectedness to who they are," said Singleton.

Singleton hopes that by putting on black history month events students are willing to learn or stamp out whatever stereotypes they had.

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AP PHOTO

"Handing Down the Names"



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Left to right: Matt Olsen, Kyle Bosley, Lindsey Marguardt
(See Centerspread for full story.)

Stafford loan interest rates to go down

By Joel Runck

Statesman Staff Reporter

Interest rates will decrease on subsidized Stafford student loans this summer, which will affect nearly half of UMD's student population.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation on Jan. 17 that reduces interest rates from 6.8 to 3.4 percent over a five-year period.

This would have a large impact on UMD students because during the 2005-2006 academic year, 54 percent (about 6,000) of enrolled UMD students borrowed an approximate \$31.6 million in Stafford loans, said Rebecca Christy, UMD assistant director of Financial Aid and Registrar. More than 4,394 UMD students use subsidized Stafford student loans, Christy said.

With significant bipartisan support, the House voted 356-71 to pass the College Student Relief Act of 2007. If approved by the Senate and signed by President Bush, the reductions in interest rates will begin July 1. From

there they will continue to decrease gradually until the final 2011 rate of 3.4 percent.

Despite popularity, some House members in Washington argue that this legislation will invite colleges to increase tuition and fees even further. Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., co-sponsored this bill and believes this legislation can only help students offset education expenditures.

"There's absolutely no logic in that," said Walz referring to critics of the bill. "The people who voted against this tend to side with the large lenders more than the students, so I think it's good legislation."

Some state officials who share Walz's viewpoint, don't foresee university officials increasing fees as a result of this bill.

"Making (student) loans more affordable is reasonable and I don't think it will lead to reckless decision making by administrators," said Gov. Tim Pawlenty on Jan. 23 after discussing his budget proposal in Duluth. "We don't want to have them (students) over rely

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NEWS NOW

MN WRESTLING IS SUSPENDED

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — High school wrestling was suspended Tuesday across the state due to a **State** widespread outbreak of a skin infection.

The Minnesota State High School League said 24 cases of herpes gladiatorum have been reported by 10 teams. The virus is spread by skin-to-skin contact. Symptoms have included lesions on the face, head and neck of wrestlers.

The league banned competitions and direct contact between wrestlers in practice until Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The suspension is meant to control the current outbreak, allow time to diagnose new cases and prevent disqualifications at the state tournament, scheduled for Feb. 28-March 3.

Some North Dakota schools have wrestled against Minnesota schools this season. Dave Carlsrud, assistant executive secretary for the North Dakota High School Activities Association, said Tuesday afternoon that there had been no reports of the herpes virus among North Dakota wrestlers.

"We'll be researching that," he said.

The Minnesota Department of Health has been tracking the virus, caused by herpes simplex type 1, the same strain that causes cold sores.

Infected wrestlers have to sit out matches and get cleared by doctors before they can resume wrestling, he said.

Dr. B.J. Anderson, a former wrestler who acts as a health adviser to the high school league, blames the outbreak on doctors who have been misdiagnosing and inappropriately treating the viral infections as bacterial ones.

Anderson said the greatest concern is an infection of the eye, which can, in rare cases, lead to scarring or blindness. The virus can remain in a body indefinitely, he said.

A similar outbreak occurred in 1999, affecting 63 wrestlers and disqualifying several of them from the state tournament, Anderson said.

GOVERNMENT HIDES INFO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal scientists have been pressured to play down **Nation** global warming, advocacy groups testified Tuesday at the Democrats' first investigative hearing since taking control of Congress.

The hearing focused on allegations that the White House for years has micro-managed the government's climate programs and has closely controlled what scientists have been allowed to tell the public.

"It appears there may have been an orchestrated campaign to mislead the public about climate change," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Waxman is chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and a critic of the Bush administration's environmental policies, including its views on climate.

Climate change also was a leading topic in the Senate, where presidential contenders for 2008 lined up at a hearing called by Sen. Barbara Boxer. They expounded and at times tried to outdo each other on why they believed Congress must act to reduce heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases.

At the House hearing, two private advocacy groups produced a survey of 279 government climate scientists showing that many of them say they have been subjected to political pressure aimed at downplaying the climate threat. Their complaints ranged from a challenge to using the phrase "global warming" to raising uncertainty on issues on which most scientists basically agree, to keeping scientists from talking to the media.

The survey and separate interviews with scientists "has brought to light numerous ways in which U.S. federal climate science has been filtered, suppressed and manipulated in the last five years," Francesca Grifo, a senior scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists, told the committee.

MORE VIOLENCE SPURS IN IRAQ

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bombers struck Shiite worshippers in two cities Tuesday and gunmen **World** ambushed a busload of pilgrims in a series of attacks that killed at least 58 people as more than 2 million Shiites jammed major shrines for ceremonies marking Ashoura, the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

The bloodshed took place despite heightened security following a battle with messianic Shiites who authorities said planned a large assault on Ashoura ceremonies. With security so intense at the main venues, extremists chose targets in smaller cities where safety measures were less stringent.

In the deadliest attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up among a crowd of worshippers entering a Shiite mosque in Mandali near the Iranian border, killing 26 people and wounding 47, according to police. At least 12 more died and 28 were wounded when a bomb exploded in a garbage can as Shiites were performing outdoor rituals in the largely Kurdish city of Khanaqin, police said.

In Baghdad, gunmen in two cars opened fire on a bus carrying pilgrims to the capital's most important Shiite shrine, killing seven and wounding seven, police said. Hours later, mortar shells rained down on two mostly Sunni neighborhoods, killing nine and wounding 30 in what police said appeared to be a reprisal attack.

One person was killed in a mortar attack on a Shiite neighborhood, police said. A Shiite man was shot dead in Baghdad and two policemen were killed in a bombing in Mosul, police said. At an Arab League meeting in Tunisia, Iraqi Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani asked other Arab countries to set aside room in their hospitals for wounded Iraqi police.

Police found eight bodies Tuesday of people slain by sectarian death squads in Baghdad, the lowest single-day total in months.

Ashoura commemorations were largely peaceful, but suicide bombers killed 55 Shiites in 2005.

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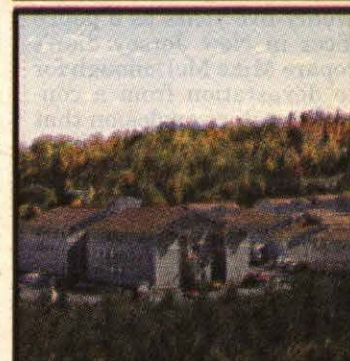
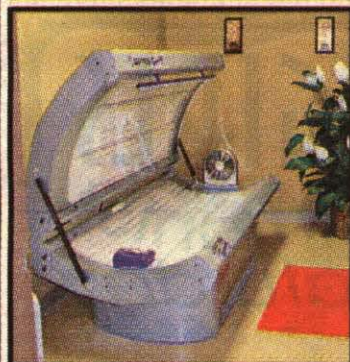
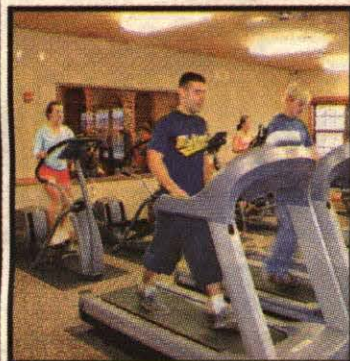
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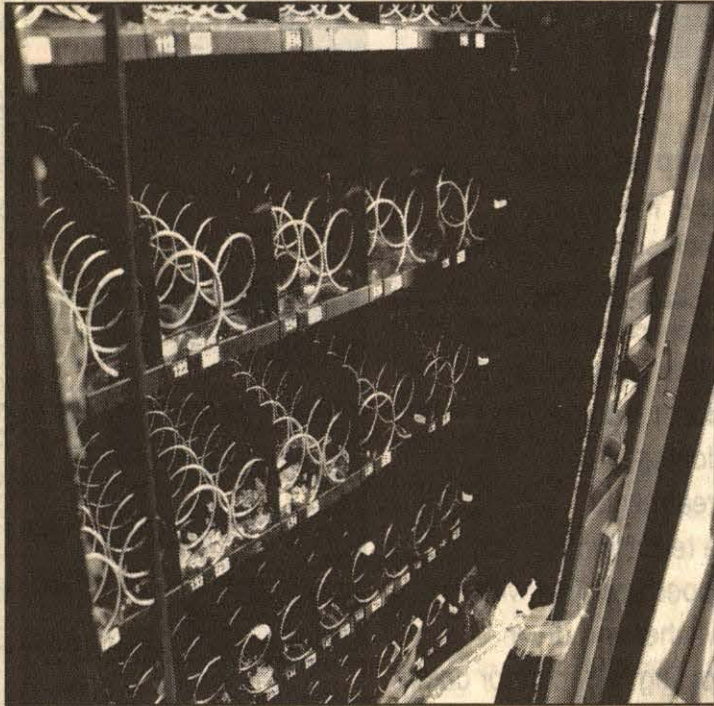
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Vending Machine Vandalized



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Last Friday, Jan. 26, a vending machine outside the UMD Bookstore was damaged, said UMD police Sgt. Timothy Le-garde. According to the police report, there was nothing stolen from the machine, and the cost of the damages has not yet been determined. There are currently no suspects.

Gas station explosion

GHENT, W.Va. (AP) — Twenty-five years as a police officer in New Jersey didn't prepare Mike McDonough for the devastation from a convenience store explosion that killed four people in southern West Virginia and injured five others.

All that was left of the Flat Top Little General Store after Tuesday's propane blast was a pile of splintered debris, twisted metal framework and a sign showing the price of gasoline. Candy and hot dog wrappers ended up in trees 200 to 300 yards from the store, said McDonough, who lives in nearby Flat Top.

Authorities had not determined whether any customers were in the store at the time or if there were more victims, state Fire Marshal Sterling Lewis said. A search of the debris was to resume Wednesday.

Seven nearby homes and an elementary school suffered minor damage. No injuries were reported at the school or the homes.

The explosion occurred about 10:50 a.m. as emergency workers were investigating a report of a propane leak, Lewis said. The victims included a building inspector and a volunteer firefighter.

Lewis said store employees

were working on an above-ground tank capable of holding 500 pounds of propane. However, that tank and the store's underground gasoline tanks did not explode, he said.

"It is our initial thought that the fumes entered into the building and had to have an ignition point," Lewis said.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board said it was sending a team to Ghent. The board makes safety recommendations to industry, labor groups and regulatory agencies.

Beckley-based Little General Inc. had no comment.

Gov. Joe Manchin met privately with the victims' relatives at the Ghent Volunteer Fire Department in the rural community about 70 miles southeast of Charleston.

Four of those injured Tuesday were at Cabell Huntington Hospital on Wednesday and one was at Charleston Area Medical Center, said Celeste Hinzman, spokeswoman for the state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Hospital officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment.



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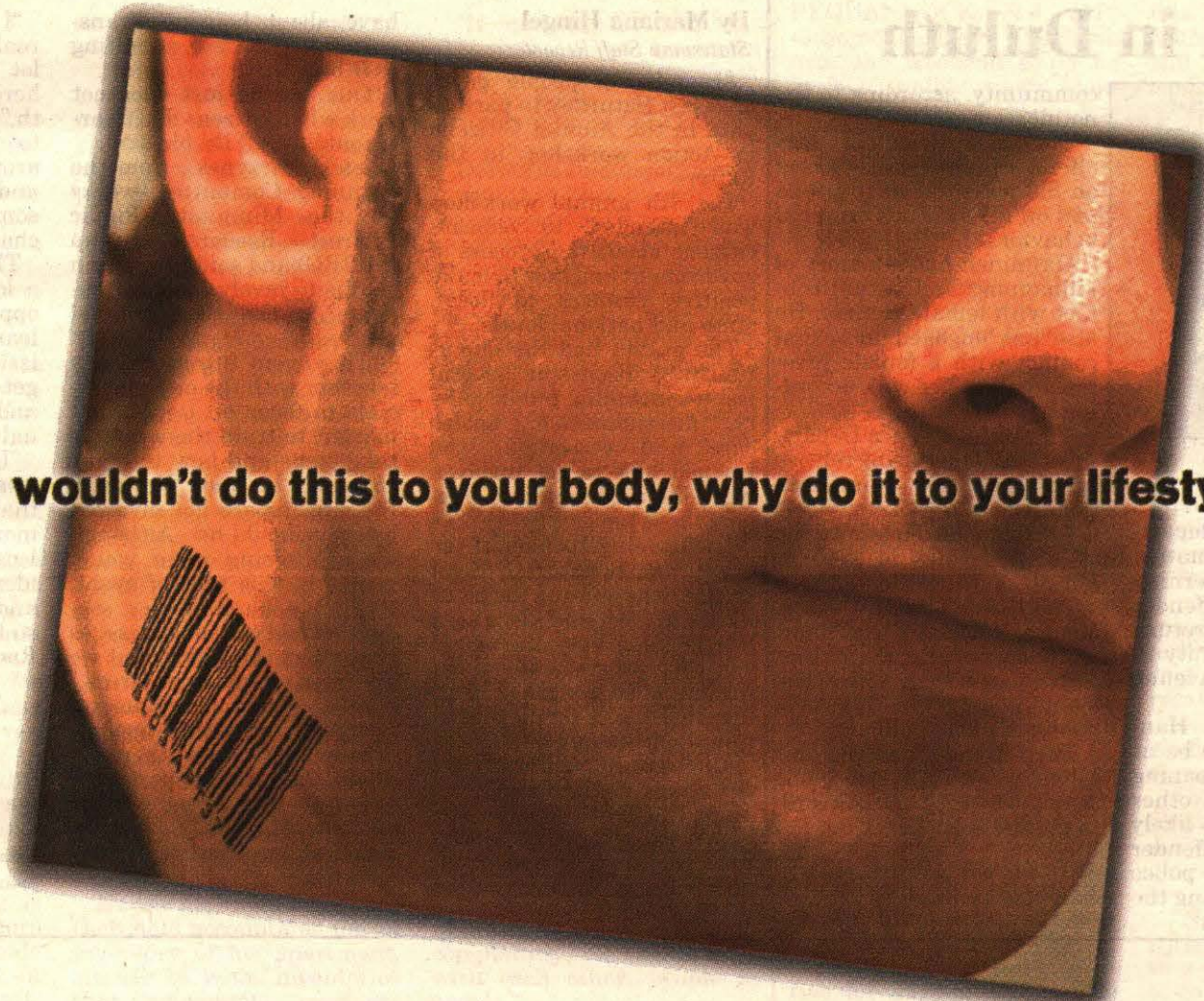
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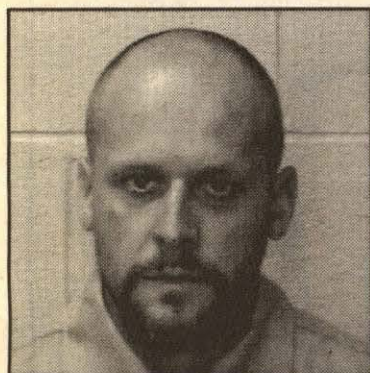


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By Ali Draves

Statesman Staff Reporter

The Duluth Police Department released information earlier this week concerning the release of a sex offender from prison and his return to the Duluth community in the area of North 6th Avenue East and East 3rd St.

Paul Christopher Hanninen is considered to be at a risk level of three, meaning schools, daycares and other organizations that are likely to be at risk by the offender must be notified by police when they are reentering the

community, according to the notification release.

The risk level of this offender is determined based on his potential to re-offend and on his previous criminal behavior.

Hanninen has a history of kidnapping and sexual contact with female victims. He also has engaged in sexual contact with a female juvenile against her will, according to the release.

The Duluth Police Department, the supervising release agent and the Minnesota Department of Corrections is not responsible for where the offender resides or goes to school, said the release.

The Duluth Police Department is releasing this information to inform the public, not to cause fear. The statement noted, "an informed public is a safe public."

The offender served his conviction and is not being pursued by the police, according to the release.

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Citizen workshop last Saturday

By Mariana Hingel

Statesman Staff Reporter

Around 100 people gathered last Saturday to participate in the Annual Citizens in Action workshop in the Rafters.

The 7th annual workshop was intended to educate citizens about the process of government and how to make positive changes at local, state and national levels.

The guests had the opportunity of discussing several issues, including public safety, discrimination, health care and education, and learned how to get involved with organizations that support these topics.

The opening speaker of the event was Senator D. Scott Dibble, who entered the legislature in 2001 and since then has been a very important voice for progressive values, including civil rights, housing, smoke free public places, renewable energy and more.

All voices in our society are the shape of the issues that affect our lives and the student's voice is an important perspective in representing any kind of discussions we

have about housing, transportation, jobs, etc, according to Dibble.

"Our system just does not work when citizens don't participate fully," Dibble said.

Peter Starzynski, from the Planning Committee, works for the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) and said their main goal is to involve college students in the socio-political process.

"This event brings citizens together with the elected officials to focus on issues that matter, to train them how to take steps and how to make changes," he said. "However, the citizens are not involved as they should be. Although we are seeing more young people in this type of event, it's not enough. Every student should care about issues that affect their lives, but we are trying to make progress."

Iztla Castano, Women's Studies and Anthropology double major, like other students, had the opportunity to get involved in some of the topics and learned how to get involved in different organizations.

"I think that being here is really important because a lot of people come to study here and are not from Duluth," said Castano. "It's good to know what's going on around here, know the issues and hopefully get involved in some organizations to make changes."

The workshop provided a lot of cues and offered an opportunity for people to learn how to talk about their issues in society and how to get in touch with politicians and make them hear individual concerns.

"I'm hoping to maybe find some different organizations that I can be a part of and get more information about what I can do, find some different ideas that people might have and work along with others, so I can help," said freshman Rachel Ford.

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Changes for on-campus living

By Melissa Schmidt
Statesman Staff Reporter

The large freshman enrollment led many students to have to live in study lounges for first semester and just now are able to relocate to dorms and on-campus apartments. As a result, Junction, Oakland and Goldfine apartments have higher numbers than usual of freshman residents.

After fall semester, there were 157 reassignments, with students switching to different dorms or apartments on-campus. Some of these reassignments had to do with roommate conflicts, but the goal was to get students who were living in study lounges out of them and into dorms or apartments, said John Weiske, the departmental director of UMD housing.

There is more demand for male space in the on-campus apartments, dorms and even study lounges, according to Weiske, who attributes this to the fact that there are more male students attending UMD.

As a result, most of the male on-campus housing is filled to occupancy, and there is a higher number of female residents with vacancies in their dorm rooms or apartments, said Weiske.

At the end of fall semester, 265 students cancelled their

on-campus housing contracts, according to Weiske.

Thirty-six of these contracts were cancelled at the last-minute during the semester break, which is about average compared with previous years. Some of these contract cancellations were due to academic dismissals.

Many of the students who left last semester are involved with study abroad programs. These students are only gone for the spring semester and are considered 'renewal students' upon their return to UMD next fall.

They retain their present status of seniority in room draws when they come back.

Andrew Gorrell, a sophomore studying abroad in Spain during spring semester, said he had a positive experience with his housing contract transition. He had to contact the housing office in order to complete the paperwork for cancelling his contract.

"I was not responsible for finding a student to take my place," said Gorrell. "That was the University's responsibility."

He and his roommates were then held accountable for an inventory of his apartment, similar to room inventories that on-campus residents complete at the beginning and end of the academic year in order to report damages.

"If one of us had not signed the sheet, he would not have been able to check out or leave," said Jesse Frischmann, one of Gorrell's roommates.

Dorms or on-campus apartments that have a roommate leave because of a transfer or cancellation, are placed on a waiting list for new students to look at. The new or transferring students can then contact the residence with the vacancy to decide where they want to live.

"If someone was interested in our room... they would contact us, and we could set up a time to meet with them," said Frischmann.

If a new roommate does not contact the students, the space stays vacant, and they are not responsible for filling it, he said.

Frischmann and Gorrell had smooth transitions with their situation; however, not everyone has such a positive experience with housing.

"Normally we (housing) don't get many complaints," said Weiske. "But when we do get them, we respond with face-to-face dialogue to solve the problem. We want to hear feedback, concerns, complaints, etc. and work with each other, people to people."

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Teen drinkers tested

PEQUANNOCK, N.J. (AP) — Some teenagers who drink over the weekend could be in big trouble come Monday morning: A New Jersey school district plans to institute random urine tests capable of detecting whether alcohol was consumed up to 80 hours earlier.

Pequannock Township High, with about 800 students, said it will begin administering the tests next Monday.

"This is a major issue for America," School Superintendent Larrie Reynolds said Tuesday. "There are more kids that die each year in alcohol-related traffic deaths than there are soldiers who have died in Iraq. The numbers are staggering."

At least one other New Jersey high school, in Middletown, employs the EtG test, which screens for ethyl glucuronide, a substance produced by the body when it metabolizes alcohol.

Pequannock teenagers who participate in sports or other extracurricular activities, or drive to school, are already tested for illegal drugs, under a 2005 program prompted by the heroin overdose of a student.

Students who test positive for alcohol will not be kicked off teams or barred from extracurricular activi-

ties. Instead they will receive counseling and their parents will be notified, Reynolds said.

"That's going to give our kids riding in the back seat of someone's car a very powerful reason to say no," he said.

Drug tests, similarly, can detect drug use that occurred days earlier.

The new test worries civil liberties advocates and others who oppose school drug testing as an invasion of privacy.

"Medical care and treatment are issues between parents and children," said Deborah Jacobs, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey.

They also say that common household products such as mouthwash can produce a positive test result. Reynolds said that the test has been recalibrated so that for students to test positive, they would generally have to consume one or two drinks.

The EtG test costs about \$20, Reynolds said. The school's overall testing program is funded by a three-year, \$120,000 federal grant.

"No one's really taking it seriously. If you want to go to a party, you're still going to go to a party," senior Matt Huber said.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two parked car bombs struck simultaneously in separate areas in Baghdad Wednesday, killing at least six people and wounding 15, police said.

One of the blasts was targeting a transit area in central Baghdad where people can catch minibuses to predominantly Shiite neighborhoods in the capital. The attack occurred at 12:45 p.m. on Jamhuriyah Street near the busy Shorja market, killing four people and wounding 12 others, police said.

About the same time, another car packed with explosives blew up in the religiously mixed neighborhood of Maamoun in western Baghdad, killing two civilians and wounding three others, police said, adding the target of the attack was not immediately known.

Insurgents have stepped up bombings in the capital in recent weeks as they seek to maximize the number of people killed before a planned U.S.-Iraqi security crackdown gets under way.

Shorja, one of Iraq's largest markets, has been struck frequently by bombings, including one on Nov. 21 that killed 25 civilians.

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban state television showed a video of a healthier looking Fidel Castro meeting with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and saying his recovery was "far from a lost battle," in the first images of the ailing leader in three months.

Castro stood and appeared alert in the 10-minute video clip Tuesday, which state TV said was shot during Chavez's previously unannounced visit to Havana on Monday.

The video seemed to be aimed at knocking down recent rumors about Castro's health, including a report that he was in grave condition.

Castro looked heavier than in previous images that showed him much more thin and frail. Dressed in a red, white and blue track suit, the 80-year-old was shown sitting and drinking juice.

"This also is far from being a lost battle," Castro said of his current health problems.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A cease-fire aimed at halting months of deadly internal Palestinian violence held on

its first day, but underlying tensions cast doubt on the future of the stand-down.

For the most part, gunmen from the rival groups Hamas and Fatah held their fire on Tuesday, observing a truce that went into effect before dawn. In the only exception, a Hamas militant was killed in the southern city of Khan Younis. Hamas blamed Fatah but did not retaliate.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas called for a total halt to the internal violence that killed 36 people over the past week alone.

"The past few days were difficult, and everyone paid in blood," he said in Gaza. "Everyone is facing a difficult test, either we maintain this calm ... or everything collapses again, and then everyone will be held responsible."

Previous truce deals between Hamas and Fatah militants in Gaza have quickly collapsed into new waves of fighting, and it appeared unlikely the two sides would comply with all the terms of the current agreement, such as handing over all those involved in killings.

MARIANNA, Fla. (AP) — The wife of a sheriff whose father was gunned down by a confessed serial killer 27 years ago was killed in a shootout at their home that also left three other people dead.

Mellie McDaniel, the wife of Jackson County's sheriff, died Tuesday evening along with a sheriff's deputy and two suspects.

Authorities said they believe the suspects targeted Sheriff John McDaniel's home in Marianna, in the Florida Panhandle.

"The community should not be concerned. We believe this was not a random case," State Attorney Steve Meadows said at a news conference late Tuesday.

More than 100 law officers searched the area surrounding the McDaniels' home into Wednesday morning, though Meadows said authorities did not believe there were additional suspects. He said the search was being conducted out of an abundance of caution.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government wasted tens of millions of dollars in Iraq reconstruction aid, includ-

ing scores of unaccounted-for weapons and a never-used camp for housing police trainers with an Olympic-size swimming pool, investigators say.

The quarterly audit by Stuart Bowen Jr., the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, is the latest to paint a grim picture of waste, fraud and frustration in an Iraq war and reconstruction effort that has cost taxpayers more than \$300 billion and left the region near civil war.

"The security situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate, hindering progress in all reconstruction sectors and threatening the overall reconstruction effort," according to the 579-page report, which was being released Wednesday.

Calling Iraq's sectarian violence the greatest challenge, Bowen said in a telephone interview that billions in U.S. aid spent on strengthening security has had limited effect. Reconstruction now will fall largely on Iraqis to manage — and they're nowhere ready for the task.

The audit comes as President Bush is pressing Congress to approve \$1.2 billion in new reconstruction aid as part of his broader plan to stabilize Iraq by sending 21,500 more U.S. troops to Baghdad and Anbar province.

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Stock Exchange and the Tokyo Stock Exchange are embarking on an alliance that could point the world's two largest financial markets toward an eventual combination.

The broad agreement will allow both sides to cooperate on joint developments, such as financial products, mutual listings and technology. Further, it sets into motion the possibility of a true combination once Japan's biggest stock exchange becomes a public company in 2009.

The pact between the two exchanges was confirmed by the Tokyo Stock Exchange late Tuesday, with details to be announced at a news conference Wednesday morning in New York.

"The CEO of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, when he heard about NYSE/Euronext, himself said that it was a great combination that would make a logical partner for them," NYSE Group Inc.

Correction: In last weeks "Pawlenty discusses new budget in Duluth," instead of \$1.3 billion going to health and human services it is \$9.5 billion. Also, the tax aid/credit package is \$3.2 billion not \$148 million. \$148 million was the increase from last year, 2005-2006, to this year.

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Female dogsledder speaks in Duluth

By Kathleen Grigg
Statesman Staff Reporter

After facing 60 mph winds and a 100 below zero wind chill, Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the Iditerod sled dog race in 1985.

Riddles presented her story at the Beargrease Gala event at the Inn on Lake Superior last Friday. The event was originally intended to kick off the 25th John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, which has been rescheduled for Feb. 25 due to lack of snow.

"I was kind of shook up that so many people made a big deal out of me being a woman champion," said Riddles. "This sport has probably got the most diverse group of people involved than any other sport you can think of."

The last time Riddles had visited the area was in 1996, when she took third place in the Beargrease, which covers 400 miles up and down Minnesota's North Shore.

Alaska's Iditerod runs 1150 miles from Anchorage to Nome.

"It's all one big family, whether you're one of the vets, the volunteers or a sponsor," she said.

When she was 16 years old, she left her Minnesota home and moved to Alaska. For her, mushing started out as a practical way of hauling firewood and drinking water. A couple of years later, a friend talked her into running a five-mile race.



KATHLEEN GRIGG/STATESMAN

Libby Riddles, after her speech on Friday.

Prior to winning in 1985, Riddles had completed two other Iditerods, taking 18th and 20th place. She then spent two years tweaking her strategy, including training dogs from the time they were puppies and pooling resources with her partner, Joe Garnie.

"A lot of people ask me how I got so tough to beat this Iditerod, and basically

I was just trying to live up to the reputation of being an Alaskan," Riddles said.

She is fascinated by the relationship between humans and dogs, which she said dates back tens of thousands of years.

"At some point, these innovative people of the north came up with this great idea of dog powered transportation," Riddles said. "This was really ingenious and really helped these people to survive."

There is much more to dog sledding than just working with the dogs, according to Riddles. Mushers also have to be organized and care for themselves on the trail.

"You've got to be able to make decisions when you haven't slept for three days at a time," she said.

Though she has retired from racing, Riddles still keeps a kennel of about 40 dogs, which she takes out every day in the winter.

She now works for Princess Cruises in the summer giving lectures about mushing.

She has also written three books, including "Race Across Alaska: first woman to win the Iditerod tells her story." In the 1990's, she spent three years working for ESPN television.

"You know dog mushers," Riddles said. "We'll do anything to keep from having a real job."

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Stonehenge village found

WASHINGTON (AP) — A village of small houses that may have sheltered the builders of the mysterious Stonehenge or people attending festivals there has been found by archaeologists studying the stone circle in England. Eight of the houses, with central hearths, have been excavated, and there may be as many as 25 of them, Mike Parker Pearson said Tuesday at a briefing organized by the National Geographic Society.

The ancient houses are at a site known as Durrington Walls, about two miles from Stonehenge. It is also the location of a wooden version of the stone circle.

The village was carbon dated to about 2600 B.C., about the same time Stonehenge was built. The Great Pyramid in Egypt was built at about the same time, said Parker Pearson of Sheffield University.

Julian Thomas of Manchester University noted that both Stonehenge and Durrington Walls have avenues connecting them to the Avon River, indicating a pattern of movement between the sites.

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Principal and coach arrested

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—The superintendent of an upstate school district reeling from the arrest of its high school principal and cheerleading coach said Tuesday she's taking steps to address the allegations and move on.

Ware Shoals Superintendent Faye Sprouse said the school board's attorney continues to investigate the events surrounding the arrests of cheerleading coach Jill Moore and high school principal Jane Blackwell.

Moore resigned earlier this month. Blackwell was suspended. Both have maintained their innocence. Ware Shoals Junior High principal Charles Mayfield was made interim principal of the entire seventh-to-12th-grade campus.

"The news accounts of local law enforcement investigation of allegations concerning certain employee/student behaviors have been unsettling to say the least," Sprouse said in a statement. "However, we must not lose sight of our primary mission to educate students in all our schools."

Moore, a married mother of two, is charged with supplying alcohol and cigarettes to students and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Greenwood County investigators said she was having an affair with a National Guardsman and taking two 16-year-old cheerleaders with her to meet him, according to a sheriff's office report.

Another guardsman acknowledged starting a sexual relationship with one of the teens last year, the report said.

But the adults face no criminal charges because 16 is old enough to consent to sex in South Carolina. Lawmakers plan to introduce a bill this week to increase the age of consent.

The National Guard's separate investigation continues, spokesman Col. Pete Brooks said Tuesday. Though the guardsmen face no criminal charges, they could be charged with violating the State Military Code.

Blackwell was charged with obstructing justice. She is accused of ordering cheerleaders not to talk to authori-

ties.

Since the arrests, Sprouse said she is starting a program for anonymously reporting suspected illegal activity; reviewing policies on staff responsibilities and how to treat student concerns; and trying to improve communication between employees, students and parents.

By late last week, residents had grown weary of the constant media coverage and feared it gave the small town a bad name.

Scott Eaves, a parent of two boys, suspected that if the obstruction charges are true, Blackwell wanted to prevent exactly what happened.

"I don't think she wanted the negativity," he said while attending a junior varsity basketball game.

Many in the close-knit community, a former mill town known for its annual catfish festival, are dealing with the scandal through their faith, Sprouse said.

"We talked about and prayed about it Sunday," she said.

Minnesota church leader on leave for sexual misconduct

WINONA, Minn. (AP) — A Winona pastor was placed on leave pending charges that he used his position to have sex with a woman in his congregation who was seeking spiritual guidance.

Rev. Donald Dean Budd of McKinley United Methodist Church was charged late Monday with 10 counts of third- and fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct for alleged sexual contact with the woman between 2003 and 2005, the Winona County Attorney's Office said.

"I'm going to deny (the charges), of course," said Budd, 62. His attorney, Richmond H. McCluer of Winona, said the charges are based on the statements of a troubled woman.

"The dangerous thing in this kind of case is you have a minister with a 31-year history of working in parishes in this immediate area," McCluer said. "The rush to judgment may well obscure what the final outcome is."

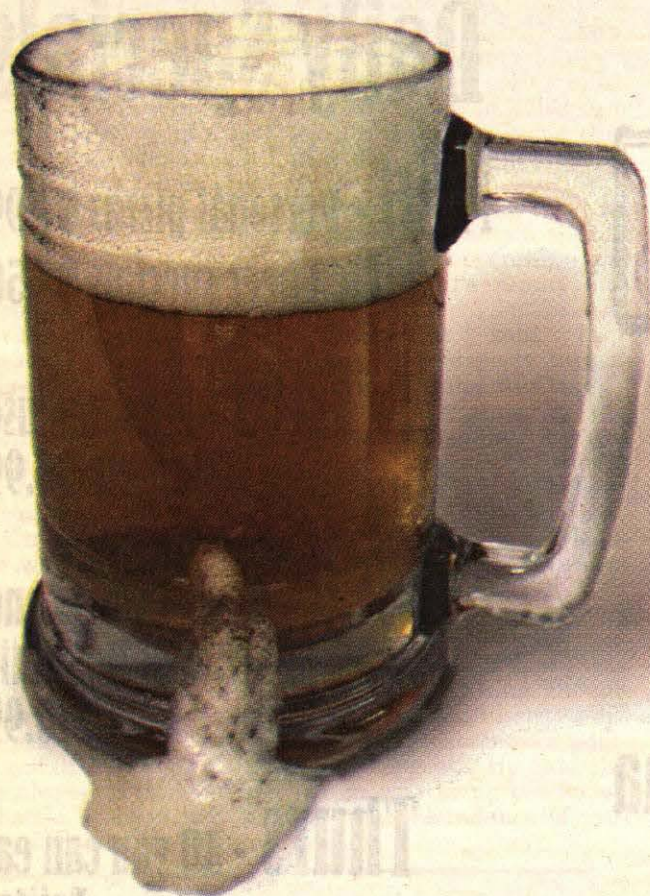
Winona County Attorney Chuck MacLean said the woman first told church lead-

ers about the alleged incidents then turned to police late last year.

According to the charges, the encounters happened in Budd's daughter's bedroom in the church parsonage, at the victim's residence, and at the church.

Budd, who is married, came to Winona in 2002 after serving the Minnesota communities of Sargeant and Brownsdale, McCluer said. Prior to that, Budd served in churches in Harmony, Minn., and in Eau Claire, Wis.

A spokeswoman with the United Methodist Annual Conference in the Twin Cities said the search for a temporary replacement at the Winona parish is under way.



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on loans, but... that's an important part of their overall financial aid package."

"I don't think it will have an impact in what the university gives out in grants," said Christy referring to the College Student Relief Act.

However, Director of Financial Aid and Registrar, Brenda Herzig said that UMD has been struggling to keep pace with the federal government in obtaining financial aid.

"For years we have not gotten very much federal financial aid," said Herzig. "It's stayed pretty stable. This (bill) can only help students."

Even though reduced Stafford loan rates will aid many college students, some seniors are disappointed that they won't be able to take advantage of the reduced loan rates.

"All my expenses for college have been through loans and I have to pay that all off once school is over," said senior Alicia Hermes who has accumulated about \$20,000 in Stafford loan debt. "It would be really nice if they cut back (interest rates) now, but I'm sure they have a reason for doing it that way."

Walz acknowledges that there are college upperclassmen who won't see any lowered interest rates on Stafford loans.

"I would like to see them take effect immediately," said Walz. "There's a group of juniors and seniors right now that are actually caught in that. We need to compromise in the middle somewhere and say 'It's not perfect, but it's not terrible.'"

Sen. Norm Coleman R-Minn., issued a statement to *The Statesman* about the House bill and would like to see improvements.

"While I appreciate the House's dedication to reducing one aspect of college costs and am open to looking for ways to lower the student loan repayment burden here in the Senate, I believe a more comprehensive approach is necessary," he said.

Both Walz and Coleman believe that modifications to the bill are necessary within the U.S. Senate and that other options should be considered such as raising the maximum Pell Grant award from \$4,050.

"One of the criticisms that I think is legitimate and it's one that is of course going to be addressed is that 'This doesn't go far enough,'" said Walz. "When I went to school, 70 percent of the cost was in grants and 30 percent in loans and that's exactly reversed now in 20 years."

For the 2005 fiscal year, UMD awarded over \$7 million in grants and about \$3.7 million in tuition discounts, according to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

Freshman Jason Lojovich is financing most of his secondary education through financial aid and loans and believes UMD is doing what they can to help students.

"I think they're pretty good with it (offsetting expenses)," he said. "They gave me a few scholarships—just the basic ones, but I'm doing alright."

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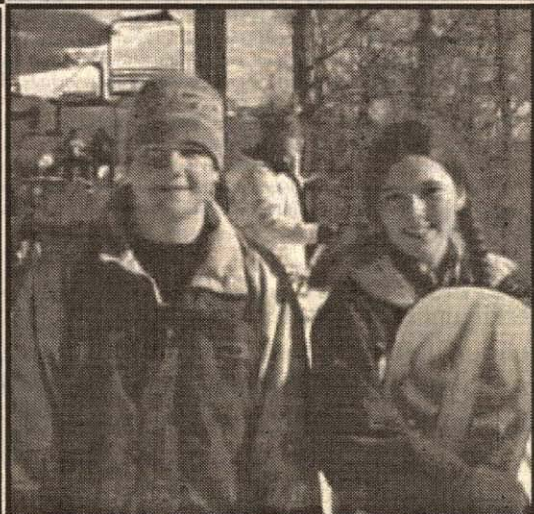
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Our View

Governor Pawlenty's education proposal, which was just introduced after the State of the State address in the middle of last month, plans to have the largest increase in educational funding in Minnesota history. When taken at face value that sounds good for students, but the reality is that Pawlenty's budget doesn't do enough. With the first state surplus in eight years, the politicians at the capitol need to do more to keep educational costs in check.

The reality is that students in Minnesota face some of the highest public university tuition rates in the country. In fact, from 1993-2003 tuition rates skyrocketed 75 percent. That kind of number only is possible because of negligence. The cost of college has long been overlooked in this state and this problem needs to be tackled now, when for the first time in several years legislators have the opportunity to fix this problem because of the \$2 billion surplus.

Give the Pawlenty administration some credit; it's a step in the right direction, but the new budget won't do enough for University of Minnesota and MnSCU students. The problem has been neglected so long that this budget fails to neglect basic inflationary increases. The governor proposes a \$440 million or 16 percent increase in spending for

state sponsored institutions. This budget still falls well short of the original funding requests made, according to University of Minnesota officials.

The governor put in his budget a \$38 million one-time bonus to support the Mayo Clinic UMR partnership, well short of the \$313 million the project plans to spend over the next several years. In addition, his budget makes no mention of the \$22 million the University proposed to keep buildings and facilities in repair.

What this means for students is that this proposed budget will do little or nothing to fend off the 4.5 percent projected tuition hike for the 2007-2008 academic year. That will push average tuition over \$8,200. That kind of tuition cost is unacceptable.

Take a quick look at Wisconsin, a state very similar in population size and economy to Minnesota. University of Wisconsin students pay around \$2,100 less than University of Minnesota students do. That kind of disparity is unacceptable. We are the people that will be burdened with that extra debt because of years of neglect from St. Paul to battle tuition hikes. Students need to demand more from their legislators and make them end this trend of making college unaffordable for full-time students.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Blacklist' not a racial connotation

A UMD student recently sent a letter to the editor entitled "Reader finds fault with webmail program," some of us felt great shock and disgust with the thesis of the letter. In this letter, a Master's student in the Social Work program complains about the use of the term "blacklist," and how in using that term, we are somehow furthering, "...the ongoing ostracism of African-Americans..." says the author.

Ostracism. Gee, that's a big word, I'm very glad our social work students have such a great vocabulary. Perhaps it is time to teach rationality and critical think-

ing instead of merely teaching people how to see blatant discrimination where there is none.

Do you know the etymology of the word "blacklist?" Perhaps instead of looking to dictionary.com for definitions you should go to the Oxford Dictionary (OED) that we as students have access to for free. I think it's a little more accurate. As it turns out, the OED, "the accepted authority on the English language over the last millennium," is probably the place to go for wordy definitions and etymologies. But that's just me spit-balling here. Now, the OED does not have the etymology of the word "blacklist," and neither

could I find it in less reputable sources (Wikipedia—useful as a start, and for links ONLY), however, neither did I find ANY indication that the word has any racial connotation.

Now perhaps we should rename all white-out markers "mistake-correction" devices, since the term 'white-out' might imply the censoring of Caucasians. Perhaps we should rename *The Statesman*, *The Statesindividual*. Or Maybe, just maybe, we should allow our reality to shape our words and stop perpetuating racism by seeing it everywhere.

Soleh Dib

ITSS changes terms to accommodate all

I am writing in response to a letter by Jasmine Phoenix in last week's *Statesman* of Jan. 25, 2007. I completely agree with the criticism of the UMD webmail program's use of the terminology "blacklist" and "whitelist." I am pleased to announce that our ITSS webmail administrator, Robert Sand, has found a way to change these terms, so they

are now listed as "block list" and "accept list."

It is unfortunate that the original terms seem to have become common usage in the software industry. ITSS did not write this software, and it took some time to figure out how to change the terminology. I encourage UMD students who go on to work in the software industry to be

sensitive to the racial overtones in these terms. Help us convince the software industry to adopt neutral terms in the first place.

I sincerely apologize to those who were offended. Thanks to Jasmine and others for raising this issue.

Linda Deneen
Director of ITSS

Letters to the Editor and Guest Columns

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OPINION

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Recent UMD graduate impacts youth

By Bonnie Folkestad
Guest Contributor

"Dear Ms. Folkestad,
English isn't just another writing assignment;
it's life.

Love, your student,
Maria T."

When I started teaching underprivileged students in the Las Vegas Valley in September, I couldn't find a student who knew what a semicolon was, let alone how to correctly use one. Now, just half way through the year, Maria has mastered the art of correcting run-on sentences, and she's on her way to passing the state-mandated eighth-grade writing proficiency test.

While my days teaching in the Las Vegas Valley may be filled with complaints about puppy love relationships that ended because she told him that he told her... or Stephon admitting to me that he has the hiccups, and when he hiccups he burps the eggs and hot sauce he had for breakfast. But there is more going on here.

Janel has been chosen from thousands of applicants to be published in a poetry anthology, Devin ranked high at the regional spelling bee and 30

other students have committed to Saturday school in hopes of mastering each one of the Nevada State seventh-grade Standards.

What's going on here is 150 students that come into my classroom every day, ready to learn, ready to beat the odds.

They attend a Title I school. Every student receives free breakfast and lunch, school supplies and clean clothes are given to those who often go without, and perhaps most disheartening, test scores are significantly lower than in the schools in the affluent neighborhoods across town.

In the district where I teach, half the ninth-graders are predicted to either drop out or fail high school. Of the half who earn their diploma, most will perform English and math skills on an eighth-grade level. There are 13-year-old students in my classroom who are reading on a first-grade level, who can't solve simple math problems.

What's scary is that this isn't just a crisis in Las Vegas; this is our nation's most pressing problem. An incredible gap exists today between the achievement of students living in poor and underprivileged neighborhoods and those born with a silver spoon in hand.

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Over 700 students packed into the Kirby Ballroom on Tues. night to watch Heiruspecs perform.

Heiruspecs describes show as 'Most fun' they've had at UMD

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

Heiruspecs went all-out on Tuesday night and made the otherwise dull Kirby Ballroom an exciting hip-hop venue. The fans hung on every rhyme. The feel good atmosphere spread across the room. Some people even took it up on themselves to crowd surf, almost unheard of at hip-hop shows; it's more likely to be seen at a jam band festival.

"Duluth is one of our most liked cities to rap," said Heiruspec bassist Sean "Huggy Beats" McPherson. "The fans are awesome. That had to have been the most fun show we've played here at UMD."

Heiruspecs, a sextet, features a rarity in today's hip-hop scene: two MC's (Felix and Muad'Dib) and a live band. The result is a diverse background of individuals that stem their music from many different influences. It gives Heiruspecs a real indi-

vidual sound that can't be found anywhere else in the Midwest scene.

"It's nice that UMD finally got some good hip-hop artists," said freshman Dan Korman, as he stood next to the stage waiting for the show to begin. "Everyone would agree; it would be nice to see some more."

The free event also attracted fans that had never seen the band perform before.

"I hear so much about these guys," said junior Seth Hartman, who is one such fan. "I'm pretty excited for the show."

The show started with a blues introduction reminiscent of the Black Keys, featuring skilled guitarist Josh Peterson, which transformed into "Two-Fold," a Heiruspecs classic and fan favorite. This transformation best exemplified the group's diverse spectrum of influences and their versatile style.

A strong point of last night's performance was that the band continued to put a new spin on old songs. This

was essential to a good show because the band has yet to release a follow-up to 2004's "A Tiger Dancing."

To the band's credit, they played a few songs that are expected to be on their next album; which could be released as soon as this spring.

"Their new music is highly energetic," said freshman Bjorn Carlson "It's a lot cleaner and more refined."

Felix's new lyrics seemed a bit more frustrated but were still delivered in an intelligent manner. It was obvious that their new selections featured a much more soulful approach to hip-hop than their past songs.

The show also featured a first, McPherson rapping in a battle. It was a little rough, but his heart was in the right place so the crowd gave him credit.

The last part of the show involved fan participation, which climaxed at their most popular song "5ves," which

BSA highlights historical racism through movies

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

Today marks the first day of February and also the first day of Black History Month. In anticipation of this important time of year, the Black Student Association (BSA) has planned a series of events.

Every Thursday this month, starting today, the BSA plans to screen films that highlight racism, specifically historical racism towards African Americans.

"The reality is that racism is present everyday in black people's lives," said BSA Student Advisor Shaniqua Singleton.

The films aren't what you might expect to associate with Black History Month such as films that highlight historical black figures like Malcolm X, Langston Hughes or Rosa Parks.

"We want to bring a different perspective on Black History Month, instead of showing the same old movies," said Singleton.

Today's movies:

The first movie, "The Color of Fear" is a documentary that profiles an open conversation on racism with eight men of different racial backgrounds from North America. The second movie, "Blazing Saddles," is a classic Mel Brooks comedy that profiles racism across many different backgrounds, making a good point of how absurd racism is.

Movies on Feb. 8:

"Cosmic Slop" is a Sci-Fi film that explores a moral dilemma for a black president sometime in the future. Also showing is "Do the Right Thing," a Spike Lee

high-strung drama about an uprising in a racially divided Brooklyn neighborhood.

Movies on Feb. 15:

"The Spook Who Sat by the Door," a drama about a former CIA operative, who after leaving the agency, built a militia in Chicago. The later showing is the recent popular comedy "Undercover Brother" with Eddie Griffin about an undercover agent trying to bring down The Man.

Movies on Feb. 22:

"Panther," a dramatized profile on the Black Panther Party of Defense and its origins in Oakland from 1966-68. One more film for this date is yet to be announced.

The films will start at noon every week in the Multicultural Center. Admission is free and all students are welcome to come and watch.

In addition to the films this month, the BSA will host the annual Soul Food event on Friday the 17th, which includes food and performances. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. in the Kirby Ballroom. The cost is \$13 for students and \$15 for general public.

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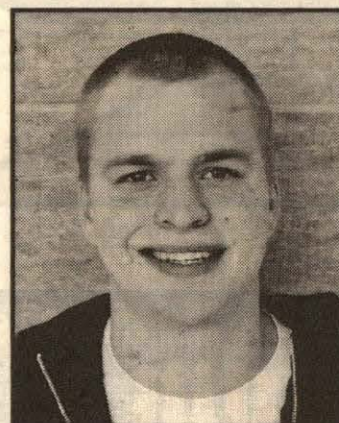
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Dear University of Minnesota Duluth Students and Faculty,

My name is Ted Norgaard, and I'm the new editor for the Arts and Entertainment section of *The Statesman*. I'm writing this letter to anyone who is interested in helping me out. If you know the date

of a good concert, if you're a starving artist, if you're a dancer and have a recital coming up, if you know all the hot spots, if you know a good joke, if you know of any fun events coming up on campus and around the Duluth area, I want to know. Basically anything you can think of that falls under the category of arts and entertainment, which I would like to remind you is very broad. You could be an artist at beer pong or you could be an artist who paints pictures. You could be an actor with a performance coming up or you just may be throwing a huge party in two weeks; either way I want to know. E-mail me, find me in *The Statesman* office, figure out my phone number and call me or just find me in the halls.

Ted Norgaard

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was made popular by the movie "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."

"They were sweet," said freshman and long time Heiruspecs fan Andrew Johnson. "Almost as good as the (Piza) Lucé show last fall."

Altogether it was a well-orchestrated show. The band

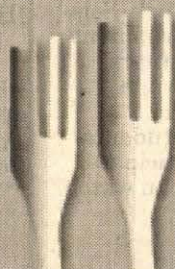
played a lively and improvisational set. The lighting done by the Late Night Kirby staff was great and nearly all the 700 students in attendance were seemingly satisfied with the show. Having more new music is probably the only addition the band could have used.

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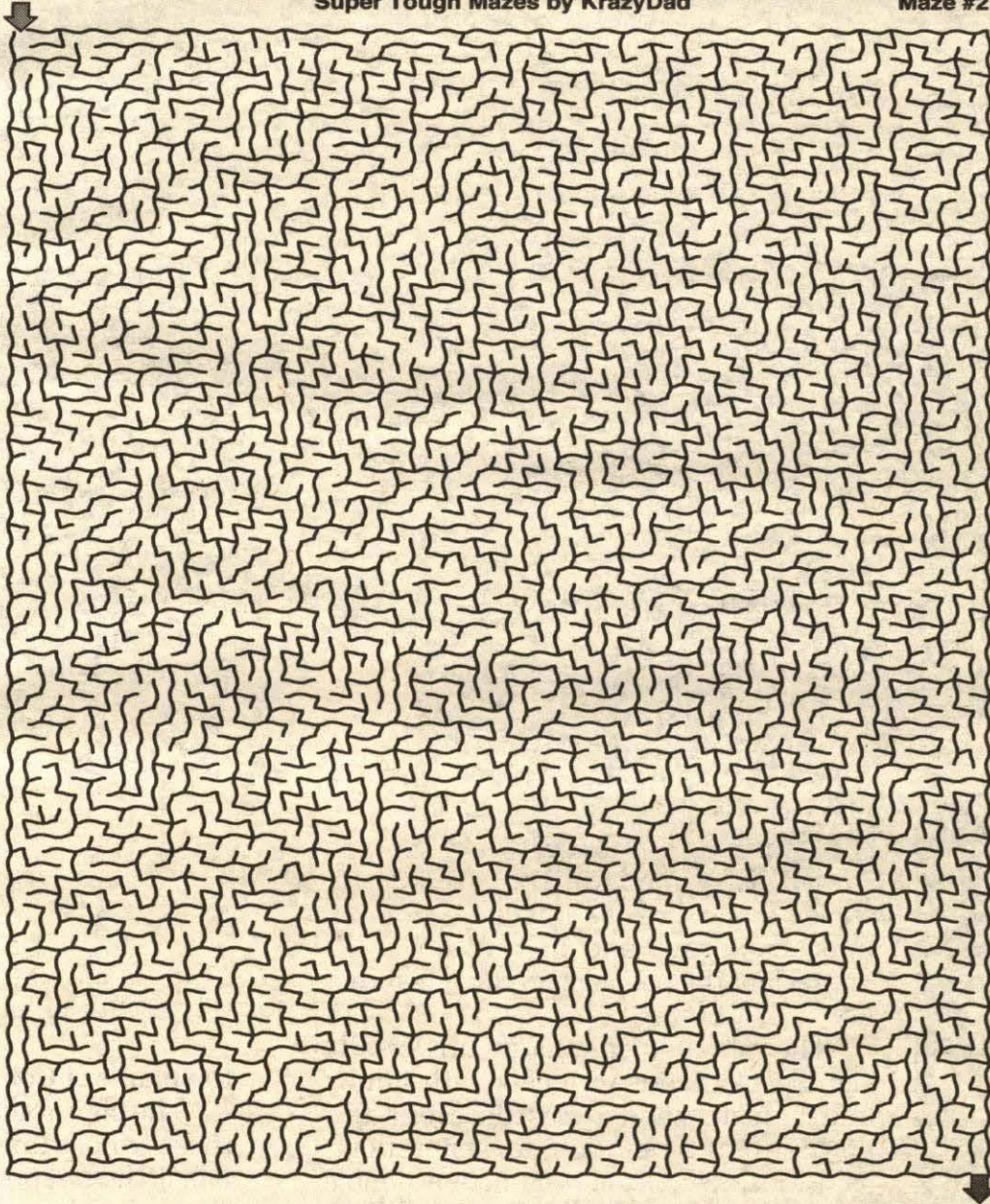
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Freezin' for a reason: Plunge '07

By Lisa Kunkel
Statesman Staff Reporter

Every year hundreds of people jump into the bone-chilling, mind-numbing, ice-covered water of Lake Superior for the Polar Bear Plunge.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run presents the Polar Bear Plunge as a fundraiser for the Minnesota Special Olympics. Starting in 2000, brave individuals have been jumping into a hole carved in the ice of Lake Superior in order to raise money for the cause.

This year, Duluth's 7th Annual Polar Bear Plunge will be taking place this Saturday at Bayside Lake Superior. Duluth is one of the nine Minnesota locations that feature the Polar Bear Plunge.

"The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics in the world," said the Law Enforcement Torch Run manager, Chad Trench.

The mission is "to raise funds for and awareness of the Special Olympics movement worldwide," according to Trench.

Since 1988, law enforcement officers from around the world have come together annually to carry the "Flame of Hope" in honor of Special Olympic athletes.

During the first Duluth Polar Bear Plunge, 58 Minnesotans participated, raising \$10,000, according to the press release of the original event. It was said that many of the rookie plungers dried off and took a second chilly dip.

Last year the number grew by more than six times the original size with 382 people taking part to raise over \$51,000.

"We are trying to earn over \$55,000 this year," Trench said.

There is only one qualification for those who jump, to raise money.

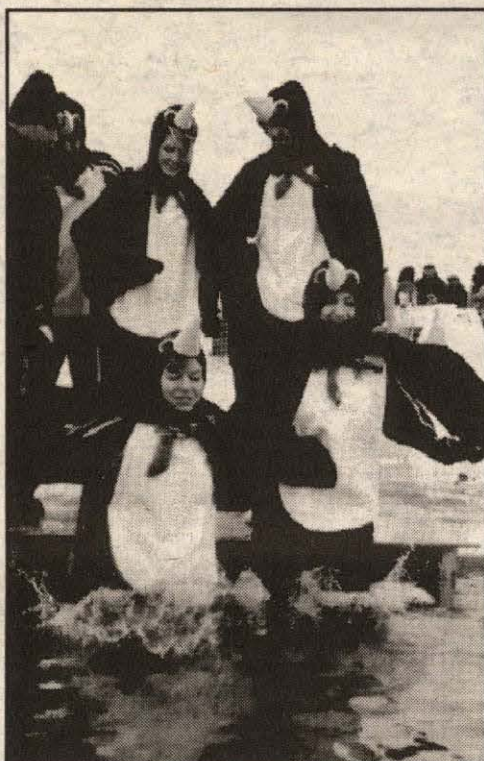


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Penguins take a dip at the 2007 Polar Bear Plunge in White Bear Lake on Jan. 8.

"Anyone can take the plunge," Trench said. "We have had seven-year-olds and 77-year-olds."

However, anyone under the age of 18 needs a guardian's permission.

"It is a great thing to do as a group as well," Trench said. "There are all kinds of people that plunge as a team."

Individuals must raise \$75 in order to partake. This money can be donated by businesses or paid in full by the participant. All participants must be registered before the plunge takes place. Then all that's left to do is jump in.

"I have done the plunge a few times," Trench said. "It is awesome."

Sophomore Anna Wistrom took the plunge a couple years ago.

"My friend and I did it," Wistrom said. "We thought it sounded like a fun way to help raise money for a great cause."

All the money raised goes to the Minnesota Special Olympics to help cover training expenses, travel and other costs needed to support thousands of Minnesota Special Olympics athletes.

"The water absolutely took your breath away," Wistrom said. "I still remember jumping in and just feeling like my heart stopped for a brief second."

Registration for the Polar Bear Plunge is at Grandma's Sports Garden from noon until right before the jumping begins at 3 p.m. You can also register online.

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UMD "Safe Sex Fest" returns for second year

By Julia Davis
Statesman Staff Reporter

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Pro-Choice UMD is hosting the second annual "Safe Sex Fest." There are daily events starting next Thursday, Feb. 8 and will run through Feb. 15.

The events will educate students on the importance of safe sex and some of the best methods of contraception. Free "Safe Sex Kits," which include condoms, lubricant, dental dams and candy, will be raffled off to students. There will also be a raffle for other great prizes.

"We hope to educate men and women on campus about STI's, STD's, contraception, alcohol and consent and healthy communication in

relationships," said one of the event coordinators, Chere Bergeron.

Students will have the opportunity to learn important facts that aren't commonly talked about.

"What is common sense to one person is not to another," said Bergeron. "For instance, many people don't know that you can get herpes by receiving oral sex from a partner with a cold sore."

This year, Pro-Choice UMD hopes to inform a large number of students.

"I was involved last year; we had a pretty good turnout at all of our events," said Pro-Choice member Michala Mahoney. "I think that the turnout is going to be better this year due to the increased publicity. The most impor-

tant event is our tabling throughout the week because we hope to reach the most amount of people, and they are able to ask any questions they have for us."

All of the events are free, and food will be provided. Look for the "Safe Sex Fest" tables outside of the bookstore which have more information as well as an up-to-date schedule of events.

"We believe that people make the best decisions when they have access to as much education and information as possible, to protect themselves and their partners," said Bergeron.

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Sex Fest schedule of events

*Feb. 8 - Masturbation Discussion at 5 p.m. in Kirby Student Center (KSC) 273B

*Feb. 9 - "Consent and Alcohol's Use as a Date Rape Drug" at 2 p.m. in the Rafters. Featuring Beth Olson, a representative of the Program for Aid to the Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA).

*Feb. 12 - "Safe Sex 101" at 2 p.m. in KSC 273B. Featuring Sarah Fries, a representative of AIDS Info. Duluth.

*Feb. 14 - Sex Toys Discussion at 12:30 p.m. in the Rafters. Featuring Professor Paula Pederson.

*Feb. 15 - Learn how to better communication in your sexual relationships. Featuring Brenda Butterfield and Mitzi Doane at 2:30 Kirby 355-357.

You, me and your hot friend makes three

Sex in the UniverCity

by Mary Callahan

Ever heard of the phrase "two's company, three's a crowd"? We see threesomes on television and in movies all the time. Who could forget when Dr. Christain Troy endeavored a mother and a daughter at once on "Nip/Tuck"?

Even college students have not ruled out the idea of having sex with more than one person at the same time. Menage a Trois, the French term for threesomes, are much more common at UMD than one would think. I honestly never thought of writing an article on it before until one of my professors told me he heard students talk about it in his classes.

"My girlfriend and I joke around about having one once in awhile, but secretly I wish that we'd just go for it," said

a senior male. "Sometimes when I masturbate I think about me, her and one of her good friends together."

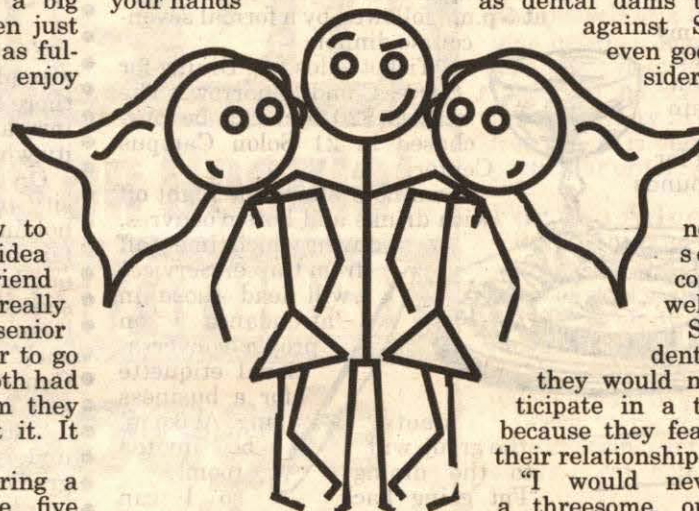
While the fantasy of having sex with more than one person at a time is a big turn-on for some, even just watching can be just as fulfilling. Many people enjoy the thrill of "living on the edge" while others get off from watching their partner be pleased.

"I don't know how to explain why, but the idea of watching my girlfriend with another girl really turned me on," said a senior male. "I convinced her to go for it and once they both had a few drinks in them they just started going at it. It was great."

If you are considering a threesome there are five simple rules to keep in mind before getting frisky, according to Askmen.com:

1). Establish the rules. Respect each other's comfort levels and limitations. Remember that jealousy may become an issue in this situation.

2). Be as giving as you can. Basically, just take what you can get. Enjoy everything that comes your way. The article also said it's important to keep your hands



moving at all times.

3). Keep yourself busy. If two people are busy with each other, take matters into your own hands, literally.

4). Be careful with pen-

etration. Don't leave anyone out, no matter how busy you are with one person.

5). Be safe. Don't leave out the use of condoms or even other precautions such as dental dams to protect against STIs. It's even good to consider a different hand on each partner and to separate condoms as well.

Some students say that they would never participate in a threesome because they fear ruining their relationship.

"I would never have a threesome, or do the group sex thing, because I wouldn't want my boyfriend to be more sexually attracted to someone else," said a senior female. "I think that I'd get easily jealous and think I wasn't adequate enough in the sack for him."

Many females also take

this point of view. One way to avoid this is to reassure each other that having a threesome does not mean that it will become a relationship, according to Seductioninsider.com. It's best to keep it as a one-time thing in order to keep your relationship between you and your partner healthy and avoid any confused feelings.

"I say that every man or woman has the right to experience a threesome at least once in their lives," said a senior female. "I had one only once, and it was the best sex of my life. I'll never forget it. I was nervous that it would be really awkward and such, but it wasn't at all."

Her advice for others is to just not think about it too much.

In any relationship, it's good to let each other know what your fantasies are and be open to any possibility of sexual exploration. If your partner is not up for the idea, see what other wild sides you can let out of them.

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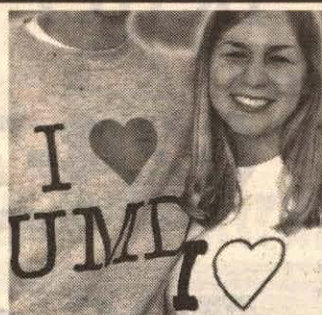
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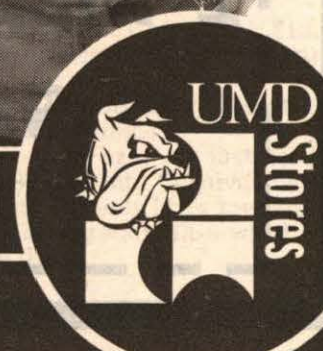
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Preparing for the taste of success

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Reporter

On a scale from one to 10, one being the lowest, how would you rate your table manners? Senior Tyler Lidke said his use to be pretty low.

"Before last year I would probably rate my table manners around a three," said Lidke. "After going to that (event) last year I can safely say I learned a ton and now I rate myself around a seven."

The "that" Lidke refers to is the "Dining for Success" event. While dining etiquette sounds like something only royalty needs to use, "Dining for Success" is actually put on by Career Services to prepare students for the business world.

"It's an opportunity for students to be led through social hour and a complete seven-course meal learning about all the etiquette kind of things that go with business dining," said Career Services Recruitment Testing and Special Events Coordinator Mary Gallet. "It's not just an event for people with business specific majors; this is an opportunity for students to learn dining etiquette."

If your table manners aren't up to par, don't worry. Career Services is holding the event again on next Wednesday at the Kitchi Gammi Club at 831 Superior St. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by a formal seven-course dinner.

Ticket sales for "Dining for Success" end tomorrow. The cost is \$20 and can be purchased in 21 Solon Campus Center.

Social hour starts the night off with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, during which time staff from Career Services will lead those in attendance on proper conversational etiquette for a business meeting. At 6 p.m. the group will be invited to the dining room.

"I'm going back so I can learn proper etiquette for formal business dinners," said Lidke. "It also teaches a lot about different ethnicities with regards to eating."

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Get ahead at the job fair in the Twin Cities

Even if you're unable to attend "Dining for Success," there's another chance to increase your marketability when you graduate.

On Feb. 12, the University of Minnesota will be holding their largest job fair of the year. Over 200 employers will be represented, including some larger name corporations such as Boeing, Best Buy, General Mills, TCF Bank and Target.

"This fair is open to all undergrads and recent grads," said Gallet. "This is a terrific opportunity for sophomores, juniors and seniors to meet company representatives and network."

Senior Tiffany Varilek went to a similar job fair last year.

"I went to the job fair at the U last year," said Varilek. "I got an internship there for last summer with Target."

The job fair will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. UMD is providing a bus for students who are interested but don't have any transportation. Students can sign up for the bus in 21 Solon Campus Center. A \$10 deposit is required but will be returned on the bus on the way to the job fair.

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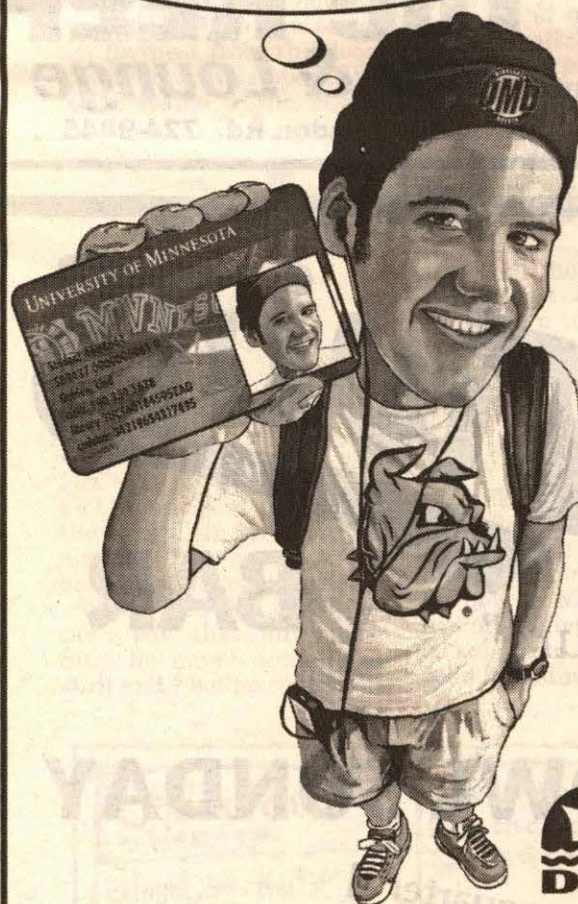
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Escape boredom by staying busy

By Anne Davis
Statesman Staff Reporter

The 2007 spring semester is in full swing, winter break is over and spring break feels like the extremely distant future. During this portion of the school year, it is not unheard of to find oneself at a loss for ideas to occupy the hours and minutes between homework, lectures, labs and exams. Duluth also has a notoriously inhospitable outdoor environment for those who have not dressed in preparation, and it is a less-than-huge city in a semi-secluded part of our fine state. But, fret not, it is very possible to enjoy yourself. Below, in no particular order, are a plethora of options for all:

For the Adventurous

- Bundle up and head out to Chester Bowl Park for some sledding or winter hiking. Do not neglect your feet, wear two pairs of wool socks.
- Visit the Judy Garland museum in Grand Rapids. (www.judygarlandmuseum.com).
- Take a free Latin dance class at the VFW every third Thursday at 7 p.m. (www.twinportsdance.com).
- Learn to juggle. It improves balance and hand-eye and coordination, exercises both sides of the brain. Evidence also shows it can help reduce the threat of Alzheimer's later in life.
- Ski or snowboard at Spirit Mountain, there are special rates on Friday evenings for students. (www.spiritmt.com)
- If you find yourself bored on a Sunday, Superior, Wis. is just a hop, skip and a jump from home where you can (provided you are of age and plan to drink responsibly) purchase alcoholic beverages and then call your friends in the cities and boast as it is much more difficult for them to do the same since they live further from the state border.
- If you are feeling more athletically ambitious, visit UMD's new workout facilities. It is an indescribable sense of achievement when you meet a running or lifting goal.

For Those Who Like to Be Laid-back

- The frigid outdoor temperatures are very conducive to indoor enjoyment. Make the most of your creative juices; carve a bar of soap or a potato. For a real challenge, try to make it look like Conan O'Brien.
- After conjuring your inner artistic genius, you may feel slightly hungry. Head over to Pizza Lucé (I recommend the Spanish Chicken pizza with banana peppers). You may even find yourself in the audience for a live musician! If not and you're jonesing for some tunes, hop across the street to The Electric Fetus and ask a friendly salesperson to assist you in locating something new which corresponds with your current tastes.
- Buy or trade for a new-to-you book at the Amazing Alonzo Paperback Exchange on 19th Ave. and Superior and then head to the Third Street Bakery at 12th Ave. and Third Ave. and get a giant cookie.
- Reward yourself with a trip to the Elysium Salon and Day Spa on London Road (www.elysiumduluth.com) or Shear Katz Salon and Day Spa in the Fitgers Brewery Complex (www.shearkatz.com). Note that a visit to a day spa is not just for ladies, anyone can benefit from a deep tissue massage.
- Master a favorite recipe.

To Get in Touch With Your Inner Tourist

- Visit the Lake Superior Zoo, \$8 for adults open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (www.lszoo.org).
- Stop into the Aquarium (open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., cost: \$12.95 for adults visit www.glaquarium.org for more information) at 5 p.m. they feed the otters.
- Visit the Tweed Museum of Art for a necessary dose of culture and to get your creative juices flowing.
- To get in touch with you inner child, or if you just need to play some skee-ball (it happens), stop into Carnival Thrillz in Canal Park. There you will find not only lazer tag, arcade games and mini golf but also a climbing wall, tilt-a-whirl, and a dangerous looking trampoline thing.

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Please, don't pee next to me

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

The men's bathrooms at UMD were designed by women. I don't mean to sound sexist but the logistics of certain restrooms would have been better thought out by males. You want an explanation? You got it.

The men's bathroom I tend to frequent only has four urinals. This means a maximum of two guys can make use of these urinals at the same time. Men require a one urinal guard space so that there's no accidental peeking going down.

If there were five urinals then one could use the urinal in the middle with a guard urinal on either side and then still have two available urinals on the ends. When male No. 1 walks into the bathroom, he is required by Man Law to use the urinal furthest from the door, leaving all other urinals open. When male No. 2 walks in, he is required to



Demonstration of the one urinal buffer rule.

take the urinal closest to the door and therefore creating the greatest amount of distance between him and male No. 1. When male No. 3 walks in, if he cannot get a urinal and provide the one urinal buffer for males No. 1 and 2, he must wait or

use the stall.

In my experience most men know these rules, but every now and then some dude walks in takes the urinal right next to you and proceeds to moan while he pees. This violates the one urinal buffer room rule and the "no loud noises whilst peeing" rule.

The one urinal buffer room rule has one exception. If there are dividers between the urinals men are still required to use the urinal farthest away

from another male, but if all urinals are taken besides the traditional buffer urinal. The buffer urinal may be used as long as the dividers are large enough to block wandering eyes.

Then there's the trough. I'm sure

most guys know what I'm talking about, one really long urinal, no dividers on and no way of knowing where one pee station ends and the next begins. Rules for the trough: keep your eyes forward and give the guy next to you approximately two feet of "wiggle room."

An interesting side note is the fact the some troughs have ice while others remain bare. I don't even get the point of the ice other than the fact that it's fun to watch it melt. But while at the trough, it is important to make sure your stream is going straight forward. Do not wander back and forth and under no circumstance should you attempt to cross streams. That's just creepy.

In closing, follow the urinal rules, and please don't stand next to me when I pee.

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Letters to People

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Writer

Dear Jesse "The Mind" Ventura,

I was watching the news today and saw some stupid Californian flaunting the fact that his governor could kick some ass. I really miss the days when I could say to anyone, "My governor can beat up your governor."

With Tim Pawlenty, I just can't say that any more. Sure he might actually do stuff and I bet he could take

some of the weaker governors, but when it comes right down to it, I'm pretty sure in a straight up fist fight Pawlenty would lose to someone like Chet Culver (Iowa's Governor).

So anyway... How are things Jesse? The last time we talked you had severed your formal ties with the United States because of all the government corruption. So how is Mexico? Do you live on the beach? Have the jackals from the media still been hounding you there?

Oh Jesse, it has been so hard for me to forget the good 'ol days we used to have. Like you remember that time when you told a deer hunter that he hadn't hunted till he had hunted man? Or how about the time when you met the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, and asked him if he had ever watched Cad-dyshack?

Don't forget to write back.
Ted Norgaard.
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TOPTEN

Top Ten New Year's Resolutions I've Already Broken

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

10. No more swearing — yeah, #&%@ that.
9. Lose five pounds; lost from beer belly found in badunkadunk.
8. No more wanking — damn you Victoria's Secret commercials.
7. Stop smoking; damn me for being smoking hot.
6. Quit drinking — I never started so I fail again.
5. Spend less time on the computer — damn you college and making me do stuff on computers.
4. Spend more time with wife and less with video games — but on my Xbox 360 I'm a respected knight.
3. Spend less money — damn spendy prostitute addiction.
2. Plant a tree — yeah, it's friggin' cold out.
1. Get involved in my community, yeah I don't like those people they're scary.

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Campus Briefs & Classifieds

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PERSONALS

Send someone a secret message, or announce your feelings campuswide.... submit a personal for our Valentine's special edition of the Statesman. Cost is \$2, deadline is Friday, February 9th. Stop by the Statesman office 130 KSC or see our table in front of the bookstore Feb. 8!

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Campus Briefs

MPIRG TO LAUNCH ENERGY SAVING COMPETITION, "CAMPUS WARS" Statewide Event to be Kicked Off at UMD with Showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" UMD-In an effort to reduce energy consumption, student organization MPIRG will begin a month-long, statewide competition this Thursday called Campus Wars. "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown at noon in the Kirby Rafters and at 7:00 pm in the Kirby Lounge as a kick off to the competition. With global warming, pollution, environmental degradation, and dependence on foreign resources, rising student concern across the state led to this call to conserve. "The less money we spend on energy, the more we have for improving the campus, paying staff, funding research, raising student aid and lowering tuition" senior Environmental Studies major Stacy Peters said. "If we all turn off lights, unplug appliances, and go a little easier on the heating and hot water use, we can make a huge difference." Reducing energy consumption has UMD Facilities Management excited, as well. At the end of the month, Facilities Management will compare this February's energy bill with those of the last three years. The school with the greatest reduction wins the competition. For additional information on MPIRG and Campus Wars, contact Matt Pendleton or visit www.d.umn.edu/~mpirg. **CONTACT:** Matt Pendleton MPIRG 651-470-9806, Pend0065@d.umn.edu or www.d.umn.edu/~mpirg

GSS Hockey Babies 2007 - Come get your hockey bracelets!!!! All proceeds go to St. Mary's Children's Hospice. Come to our table time Feb. 1-2, 13-14, 20-21, 26-27 across from the UMD Bookstore from 9am-3pm. *Tickets for the following UMD Music concerts are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by calling the UMD Ticket Office at 218-726-8877 or visiting the ticket office located in the Marshall Performing Arts Center Monday - Friday between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ticket sales begin at Weber Music Hall box office 1 1/2 hours prior to the performance time.*

Friday, February 2, 2007 - 7th Annual New Music Festival, Weber Music Hall 7:30 p.m. - \$8/\$6/\$5

Friday, February 9, 2007 - Guest Artist Recital: Michael Colquhoun, flute, Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - \$10/\$8/\$5

Sunday, February 11, 2007 - Twin Ports Wind Orchestra: The Heart and Soul of Brazil/Dario Sotelo, guest director - Cibele Sotelo, guest vocalist, Weber Music Hall 3:00 p.m. - \$6/\$5/\$3

Monday, February 12, 2007 - Faculty Artist Recital, Scott Belck, trumpet - Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - FREE

Sunday, February 18, 2007 - University Singers Benefit Concert, Support UMD University Singers as they raise funds for their trip to Turkey in May. Enjoy many styles, musical media, and a lot of fun! Stanley R. Wold, director, Weber Music Hall, 3:00 p.m. - \$10 / \$8 / \$5

Thursday, February 22, 2007 - Ovation Guest Artist Concert: Oslo Chamber Choir, Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - \$25/\$20/\$15 All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended.

Sunday, February 25, 2007 - The Winds of Change! UMD Concert Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform music that has changed wind band repertoire over the past 20 years. Weber Music Hall, 3:00 p.m. - \$6/\$5/\$3

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - Faculty Artist Recital: U3 Trio Concert - Jean R. Perrault, violin; Betsy Husby, cello; and Jeanne Doty, piano, play compositions by Brahms, Kodály, Haydn, and Händel-Halvorsen. Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - Free

UMD Theatre is proud to present: HANDING DOWN THE NAMES by Steven Dietz. Directed by Tom Isbell - February 8 - 11 & 14 - 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m., except Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All performances are in the Marshall Performing Arts Center at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Call 218-726-8561 to purchase tickets. A poignant play on the immigrant experience. Playwright Steven Dietz (10 November, Foolin' Around with Infinity) follows seven generations of family, chronicling their journeys from 1766 Germany through Russia, Ellis Island, and finally the plains of eastern Colorado. A heart-breaking account that spans three continents and two centuries, written by one of America's most widely produced contemporary playwrights. ~ Anime Club ~ Meets Montague Hall 70 every Sunday at 6:00 - 10:00. Come, relax, enjoy anime for free!!!

DINING FOR SUCCESS - Sponsored by: UMD Career Services and Target - Wednesday, February 7, 2007 - 5:00 PM, Kitchi Gammi Club. Experience business dining etiquette in a formal setting. Formal business attire required. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Career Services, 21 Solon Campus Center. Cost is \$20 per student.

UofM JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR (pre-registration is required) Monday, February 12, 2007 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center, downtown Minneapolis. Mark your calendar for the biggest student job fair in Minnesota! Nearly 200 organizations will be at the fair recruiting for hundreds of jobs and internships. New employers sign up daily--check online to see the list. The Fair is free and open to all U of M students and recent grads. To register for the Fair, visit www.umjobfair.org, where you'll also find great preparation tips. All students who register and attend will be entered into a drawing to win one of four iPod Nanos! **A free bus will be provided from UMD** You must sign up for the bus at UMD Career Services, 21 SCC by February 8th. \$10 refundable deposit. Registration for the event does not guarantee a seat on the bus.

The UMD School of Fine Arts presents International Film Series: "PARADISE NOW" Sunday, February 11, 2007 - 7:30 PM, Weber Music Hall, Free admission. Two childhood friends are recruited for a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. When things go wrong, they must decide for themselves the truest path to take. From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace. Winner of the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film of the Year, this presentation is made possible with funds provided by UMD Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin. For further information, please call 218-726-8561.

Upcoming films of the International Film Series: April 15, 2007 at 7:30 pm - "MOTORCYCLE DIARIES"

University for Seniors Journey Jargons & Lectures - Winter 2007 *Journey Jargons feature slides and personal experiences of trips taken by University for Seniors members and guests. Lectures cover a myriad of topics and are followed by a question and answer session. Journey Jargons and Lectures are held on Mondays at 11:30 AM. They are free and open to the public.* **JOURNEY JARGONS**

February 5 - "Africa" - Rafters. Sharon

Kemp visited Northern Ghana in West Africa in 2004 to study native culture, especially concerning slavery past and present, and the peoples' behavior toward it. She witnessed spiritual ceremonies which have been performed for ages, some of which involved voodoo. **February 26 - "Umeå Sweden"- KPlz 311.** Mary Dragich lived in Umeå, Sweden for nine months. She and her husband also spent time in Stockholm, Dalarna, and Lapland. Photographs will include the countryside, folk school, and architecture.

LECTURES

January 29 - "Merritt v. John D. Rockefeller" - Rafters. Grant Merritt, grandson of Alfred Merritt, co-discoverer of iron on the Mesabi Range, will relate a series of events that led to the Merritt's landmark lawsuit against John D. Rockefeller. In what is arguably the most sensational court case in St. Louis County, the Merritt brothers lost their case and surrendered their holdings in six mining and iron companies. Grant Merritt, a UMD graduate, is a Twin Cities attorney and the former head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

February 12 - "Twin Ports Television, the Early Years" - Rafters. Robert "Bob" Ball is among the earliest anchormen in Twin Ports television. His recollections of the trial and error period, the struggles to overcome considerable technical difficulties and fumbling of management combine to make a fascinating account.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February Black History Month
Thursday, February 1, Films: "The Color of Fear" KSC 237, 12 Noon. Sponsored by UMD Black Student Association.

Saturday, February 3, VALENTINE'S DANCE Kirby Ballroom 6:00 p.m. - 10:45 p.m. General Admission \$2.00/person. Sponsored by UMD Asian Pacific American Student Association

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6-7, Egg roll Sale in front of bookstore from 11-3pm. Sponsored by Access For All.

Wednesday, February 7, I Am Who I Am speaker series in Kirby Rafters at 4:30-5:30pm. Free refreshments. Sponsored by Access For All.



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Outdoors

Thursday, February 1, 2007

Snow kiting: ride the frozen wind

By Matt Standal
Statesman Staff Reporter

"OK, when I give the thumbs up, launch it," yelled senior Jasper Meddock.

It's 10 degrees, and the wind is whipping. Then comes the signal, the release and Meddock is launched into motion. Gripping the kite's control bar, he slices across the ice of Island Lake powered by a huge kite. It's ice kiting time. As Meddock zooms out, two more kites launch and quickly dot the blue sky over the lake with neon colors. Other UMD kites work ground support. They unpack large sleds, drill titanium screws into the ice and set up a base camp.

A separate group crouches next to a digital anemometer checking the wind speed. Several cars stop on the highway to watch. Sounds crazy right? Not to this dedicated group of adventure students. For them, it's just another awesome day on the lake. And as usual, UMD's Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP) is providing the knowledge necessary to make ice kiting extremely fun.

"I guess I used to snowboard," said senior Matt Sauter. "But I just got tired of standing in lift lines."

Sauter said that he signed up for the RSOP Snow Kiting program and immediately liked its action and quick pace. Sitting on the ice, he and his co-pilot Joel Ness (think human ice anchor) busily practice flight patterns in the strong wind.

"It's all about developing muscle memory, like riding a bike," said Ness.

Ness, a longtime surfer, holds an ITSS job at UMD. Yet this desk jock-



PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY CARLSON

Joel Ness maneuvers his kite into the wind on Island Lake as another goes wild.

ey definitely knows how to have fun. At 38-years-old, he aims his kite into the wind and rips harder than everybody else on the lake.

"Look, this sport is so compelling it's going to tweak out your priorities," said UMD kite instructor Randy Carlson.

Carlson, who packs a "quiver" of kites for every adventure, said that experienced kitters can reach speeds

of up to 50 mph while the best catch massive air.

"It definitely tunes you into the winter environment," he said.

However, despite those extreme possibilities, Carlson emphasizes the safety and fun side of Kiting. On cold days he said that he totes an "Eskimo" warming house to Island Lake and keeps a snowmobile ready to retrieve kitters who fly too far out.

Carlson said that RSOP Kite instruction is individually based and meant for true progression and a grassroots development of the sport.

The RSOP offers two types of organized kiting sessions. The first is an introductory session—basically Kiting 101. You see the sweet gear, listen to some basic know-how and learn kite flight patterns on the UMD softball field. The next date for this mandatory first session is today. The cost is \$5.

Then comes the real learning and the real fun. Once you can handle kite basics, it's time to graduate with a degree in ice adventure. This means you're ready to rip across nearby Island Lake on skis, a snowboard or skates. Those ready for this extreme trip, dress super-warm, attach themselves to large 3-meter kites and practice handling 10-30 mph winds.

The RSOP plans another Island Lake day next Thursday. For this adventure, an RSOP kite membership is required.

Not sure you're ready to strap your frail human body to a supercharged flying machine? Come to the 2007 Island Lake Kiting Exhibition on Sat., Feb. 10 and Sunday, Feb. 11. Here you can get a one hour crash course for \$10 or pack some hot chocolate and watch for free. Plus local kitters and gear reps will be on site to show off their skills and high-tech wares.

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White upset at X Games; takes silver in halfpipe, bronze in slopestyle

ASPEN (AP) — Steve Fisher accomplished something few people have been able to do lately. Chris Burandt pulled off something no one had done before.

Fisher held off defending and Olympic champion Shaun White to win his second gold medal in snowboard superpipe, and Burandt launched an incredible 110-foot backflip on a snowmobile to take gold Sunday night at the Winter X Games.

White tied Shaun Palmer's record of six gold medals by winning the superpipe and slopestyle at Winter X last year, then went on to take Olympic gold at the Turin Games, setting off a media frenzy — the Tonight Show, Letterman, Conan

— of rock star proportions.

But after all the appearances, the travel, the attention, White didn't have that same touch at this year's Winter X, taking bronze in slopestyle and silver in superpipe.

Fisher won superpipe in 2004, but didn't get close again, finishing 20th in 2005 and 13th last year after just missing a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team. The 24-year-old won an event in his hometown of Breckenridge in December and rode with confidence throughout the Winter X Games.

Pro snowboarders to ride Spirit:

Olympic silver medalist Danny Kass will be at Spirit Mountain this weekend as part of the Grenade Strikes Back snowboard event.

Next weekend, Mason Aguirre and his sister Molly will be there for an autograph signing and riding demo.

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What's News—

In Business and Finance

For McDonald's, It's a Wrap

Hold the burgers. And put those McNuggets back in the freezer.

After six months, the snack wrap has become one of the most successful product launches in the history of the Golden Arches. Early sales of the new menu item have exceeded McDonald's projections by 20%.

Searching for a new chicken dish, Director of Culinary Innovation Dan Coudreaut huddled with helpers in the McDonald's stainless-steel test kitchen and came up with 85 ideas. The winner: breaded chicken topped with cheddar jack cheese, lettuce and ranch sauce, all wrapped in a flour tortilla. The wraps sell for \$1.29.

Years ago, McDonald's franchisees invented the Big Mac, Egg McMuffin and other favorites. Now the company uses a far more sophisticated system led by Mr. Coudreaut, a trained chef, to winnow as many as 1,800 ideas a year down to a handful of items that must be tasty, inexpensive and easy to prepare. Mr. Coudreaut borrowed *edamame*, a type of soybean served in sushi restaurants, to create McDonald's Asian salad.

Finding products that work inside a McDonald's has been tricky. Mr. Coudreaut considered adding a shrimp salad to the menu but couldn't because, he says, McDonald's would need to use so much shrimp that it threatened to deplete the nation's shrimp supply.

Microsoft Glitch Delays AT&T TV

AT&T's rollout of its new television service is being delayed by glitches in the Microsoft technology for the Internet-based system.

The phone giant has begun offering the service in 11 markets, but problems with the software have slowed the rollout. AT&T Chief Financial Officer Rick Lindner said. AT&T plans to offer TV to eight million homes by year end.

At least seven telecom firms world-wide are using Microsoft's system, and others are testing it. Microsoft said it spent much of the past year fine-tuning its system and that it is helping AT&T to deliver a highly competitive TV service. "We believe the biggest challenges are behind us," said Microsoft spokesman Jim Brady.

AT&T is facing formidable competition from cable companies that are selling less-expensive residen-

Drawing Eyes

Total U.S. unique visitors to selected sites that featured Super Bowl ads in 2006

Site	Week ended Feb. 12, in millions	Change from week ended Feb. 5*
ESPN	7.8	+21%
AOL Sports	5.5	+35
USA Today	4.5	+4
YouTube	2.8	+28
IFILM	2.6	+157
Wall Street Journal Online	1.2	+18

*Super Bowl XL was held on Feb. 5, 2006
Source: Nielsen/NetRatings NetView

tial phone service and are starting to offer the same to small- and medium-size businesses

Coke Distributors Help Small Brands

Some frustrated Coca-Cola bottlers are giving a ride on their trucks to upstart drinks not marketed by the Atlanta beverage giant.

Honest Tea has had a devoted following ever since it brewed its first 15,000 bottles of organic iced tea for Whole Foods Market in 1998. But bottlers for Coke and PepsiCo had such a tight grip on distribution that it was hard for Honest Tea to get space on supermarket shelves and in convenience-store coolers.

Suddenly, though, Honest Tea has struck distribution deals with Coke bottlers in California, Colorado and Pennsylvania. Several distributors for Anheuser-Busch and other large beer companies also have begun carrying its products.

Honest Tea's expansion is just one of a growing number of unusual alliances between beverage companies and distributors. Grappling with sluggish sales of their core brands and eager to expand, some distributors are making deals with new companies that market small, faster-growing beverages. Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, for example, created BYB Brands last year to develop new drinks that it wasn't already getting from Coke.

Coke and its bottlers are separate, although Coke owns sizable stakes in its largest bottlers.

Fox Files Subpoena Over Web Uploads

Twentieth Century Fox subpoenaed YouTube to unveil the identity of a user who uploaded pirated cop-

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Actress Katie Holmes To Restart Career After Tom, Baby

As a teenager, actress Katie Holmes put off a second audition for the TV series "Dawson's Creek" because of a prior commitment to her high-school musical. These days, the 28-year-old performer is taking it slow with another important matter: getting back to her acting career after her marriage to Tom Cruise and the birth of daughter Suri.

Ms. Holmes has taken a long hiatus from the movie business, avoiding new roles since getting involved with Mr. Cruise nearly two years ago. Now, she wants to be back in the game. In recent weeks, representatives at the Hollywood talent firm Creative Artists Agency have been working hard to map out a new career plan for the temporarily out-of-work actress, her associates say.

There are signs it won't be easy, partly because studios may be gun-shy of her new status as a tabloid fixture, and partly because her expectations may be raised as the new Mrs. Cruise. She recently was unable to agree on a deal with Warner Bros. to land a reprisal of her role as assistant district attorney Rachel Dawes in the sequel to "Batman Begins," scheduled for



Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise last May

Kevin Winter/Getty

summer 2008 and titled "The Dark Knight."

Resuming a movie career is sometimes difficult in Hollywood, where a break can turn into a permanent vacation if an actor isn't careful. Stars of much bigger stature than Ms. Holmes, including Meg Ryan and Demi Moore, have found it tough to regain their momentum after taking time off.

Yet Ms. Holmes has an added problem: her relationship with Mr. Cruise has been a tabloid free-for-all from the moment it started, generating negative publicity that may make studios more reluctant to take a chance on her. Unlike, say, Russell Crowe, who garnered a ream of bad publicity from throwing a malfunctioning phone at a New York hotel employee, Ms. Holmes's trouble stems simply

from getting involved with a fellow actor who himself has generated controversy—certainly no crime. But the impact on her job prospects could be similar; Mr. Crowe's career appears to have veered off track since his eruption.

Much has changed for Ms. Holmes since two summers ago, when she was known primarily as the pretty ingénue from "Dawson's Creek" and films like "First Daughter" and "Go." Since then she's become a mother, married into great wealth and begun hobnobbing with figures like Yahoo's chairman and chief executive, Terry Semel, and David and Victoria Beckham, the world-renowned soccer player and his wife, the former Spice Girl known as Posh.

She's also become inextricably

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Web Sites Set Sights on Religion

By CHRISTOPHER RHOADS

On a recent afternoon in the Old City here in Jerusalem, Orthodox Jews huddled at the Western Wall, bobbing their heads in prayer at one of the world's holiest sites.

Behind them on the ledge of a nearby building, a small Webcam carried the scene live on the Internet. Speakers inside the camera played the sound of prayers, mostly from people thousands of miles away in the U.S.

The camera is owned by a start-up in Tel Aviv called Pray Over IP (the IP stands for "Internet protocol"). It sells phone cards that allow customers to record their prayers, which are then transmitted to a holy site of their choice via Internet phone and Webcams.

The start-up is part of an explosion of technology being used for religious purposes in recent years. Churches in Brazil offer audio clips of services through cell-phones. Ringtones using religious music are gaining popularity. A survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that 30% of adults online use the Internet for religious pursuits.

POIP sells its phone cards on two Web sites—one for Christians, one for Jews. The sites stream video from the company's Webcams, giving users a real-time look at where the prayers are broadcast.

A user records his prayer by using a POIP phone card. After calling a POIP phone number and inputting a personal-identification number from the card, the user gets a choice: press one for the holy

site of Jerusalem, two for the holy site of the Sea of Galilee, and so on. POIP has equipment at eight sites in Israel and has plans for more.

Some religious leaders believe high technology has no business near such holy places.

Officials who manage the Sea of Galilee site initially suggested POIP pay for attaching a Webcam to a nearby tree—a deal that POIP rejected, arguing that the service would help promote the site to visitors from afar.

Others, meanwhile, defend POIP. Jesus said the temple in Jerusalem "should be a house of prayer for all nations," says David Decker, an ordained evangelical pastor who has a congregation in Jerusalem. "How do you reach all nations today? The Internet is a way to do that," he says.

Mrs. Cruise Tries to Restart Career

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linked to the 44-year-old Mr. Cruise, a Hollywood legend who has been criticized for his controversial Scientology faith and a pattern of erratic public behavior that is regarded in some quarters as a box-office liability. Mr. Cruise's production contract was not renewed last August by Paramount, partly because of his antics, including ecstatically proclaiming his love for Ms. Holmes on Oprah Winfrey's couch and inveighing against the use of antidepressants by Brooke Shields and others on the "Today" show.

Through all that, the public's familiarity with Ms. Holmes has increased. But her likability rating, as well as that of her husband, has dipped, according to research

figures from Marketing Evaluations Inc., The Q Scores Co. "Publicity works both ways," says Steven Levitt, president of the company. "It helps build careers, and helps pull them down."

Ms. Holmes's name still comes up in discussions for some big roles. But no matter what, she's likely to face scrutiny over whether the Mrs. Cruise factor will overshadow her acting talent. During the summer of 2005, Warner Bros. marketers were frustrated over the "Batman" campaign, say people there at the time, when Ms. Holmes's budding romance with Mr. Cruise distracted attention from the movie.

More recently, the actress was largely absent from the promotional effort behind "Thank You

for Smoking," a film based on the popular satirical novel of the same name. (Julie Polkes, her publicist, says, "we have not heard any concerns" about her publicity efforts.) The actress's representatives even asked that her name not be featured on the back of the "Smoking" DVDs that were distributed to Oscar voters, say people involved in those discussions. Ms. Holmes didn't want to draw undue attention to herself in a film she regarded as an ensemble effort, says Ms. Polkes. Fox obliged.

Ms. Holmes "is currently in final negotiations for a project," Ms. Polkes says, adding that she "is ready to go back to work and will be available to support any movie she is a part of, as she has done consistently in her career."

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ies of recent episodes of the TV shows "24" and "The Simpsons."

The subpoena was filed Jan. 18 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. According to the subpoena, the four-episode season premier of "24" appeared on YouTube ahead of its TV broadcast and 12 episodes of "The Simpsons" were being distributed on the site by a subscriber identified as ECOTotal.

The same episodes were uploaded on the video site LiveDigital, to which Fox also issued a subpoena. A LiveDigital spokesman said the material was taken down and LiveDigital intends to comply with the subpoena immediately.

A recent YouTube search revealed only a prequel to Season 6 of "24" and several clips from "The Simpsons." Phone calls to YouTube weren't immediately returned.

NFL's New Game: Travel Packages

Just as everyone seems to be quitting the travel agent business, the National Football League is jumping in. Since last season, a bank of phones at the league's headquarters in New York has been devoted to taking orders for packages of game tickets and hotel rooms.

Even the mighty NFL is looking for ways to diversify and grow, and the all-American game remains an iffy sell in most overseas markets. As the league focuses on its expanding Web presence and nascent cable network, it also saw an opportunity to seize some of the revenue

generated by trips to the Super Bowl and other football events.

NFL On Location, as the unit is called, says it has advantages. Most important: The league controls access to the games. It expanded to 2,600 four-day ticket packages for Super Bowl XLI in Miami, up from 2,000 in its debut in last year's championship in Detroit.

Odds & Ends

Sony BMG agreed to reimburse consumers up to \$150 for damage to their computers from CDs with hidden antipiracy software. The Federal Trade Commission said Sony BMG's antipiracy software limited the devices on which music could be played to those made by Sony or Microsoft. It also restricted numbers of copies that could be made and monitored consumers' listening habits to send them marketing.

... ExpressJet, a regional airline, is set to launch a new carrier that will focus on direct flights on 50-seat jets to 24 cities not currently connected by nonstop service; routes like San Diego to Omaha and Kansas City to Raleigh.

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3	1	8	5	4	2	7	9	6
9	5	6	4	1	7	2	3	8
2	4	3	9	8	5	1	6	7
1	8	7	2	3	6	9	4	5
5	6	4	7	9	1	3	8	2
7	9	2	3	5	8	6	1	4
8	3	1	6	2	4	5	7	9

Sudoku #5

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Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team suffered another close loss to No. 24-ranked University of South Dakota (USD) 68-62 at the Romano Gym.

John Vaudreull and Bryan Foss led the team offensively with 12 points each. The loss could be blamed on poor shooting by the Bulldogs who shot 30.3 percent as a team.

The Bulldogs were able to out rebound USD 40-32, but their defensive performance was not enough to stop

USD who shot 54.5 percent from the field.

UMD has lost seven games straight and have not yet tallied a win in the North Central Conference.

The Bulldogs take on No. 4 Minnesota State University-Mankato tonight in the Romano Gym at 8 p.m.

Women's Hockey

The Bulldogs keep their unbeaten streak alive after a come from behind victory on Friday night and a tie on Sat-

urday afternoon against the Ohio State University (OSU) Buckeyes.

OSU came out on top early on Friday night but UMD's Michaela Lanzl answered back with a power play goal in the first period tying the game 1-1.

The Buckeyes were able to score again in the first and once more in the second period putting OSU up 3-1 going into the third period.

In the third period, the Bulldogs once again were able to take

advantage of a power play when Emmanuelle Blais scored early in the period.

With little time remaining in the final period, the Bulldogs were able to go on a scoring frenzy. Saara Tuominen put the puck in the net for her seventh goal of the season.

With the score tied, the Bulldogs were not ready to slow down. Lanzl put away her second goal of the night tacking up her eighth goal of the season. Lanzl assisted on

two goals earlier in the game, which earned her four points in the game.

The final goal of the game came from Noemie Marin unassisted with two seconds left in the game, making it the 15th goal she has scored this season.

The Bulldogs lost one of their key players in the game, Jessica Koizumi, after suffering a knee injury in the game.

After returning from a knee injury, goaltender Kim

Martin had a stellar showing stopping 32 shots.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs weren't as offensively explosive, with a 1-1 overtime tie to the Buckeyes.

UMD's Karine Demeule scored first on a power play in the first period. OSU answered back in the same period and for the rest of the game neither team could put the puck past the tender.

Martin stopped 31 shots, improving her record to 7-4-1 this season.

The Bulldogs look to extend their unbeaten streak to 10 games when they face conference rival the University of Wisconsin Badgers. The Badgers currently lead the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and are ranked No. 2 in the nation.

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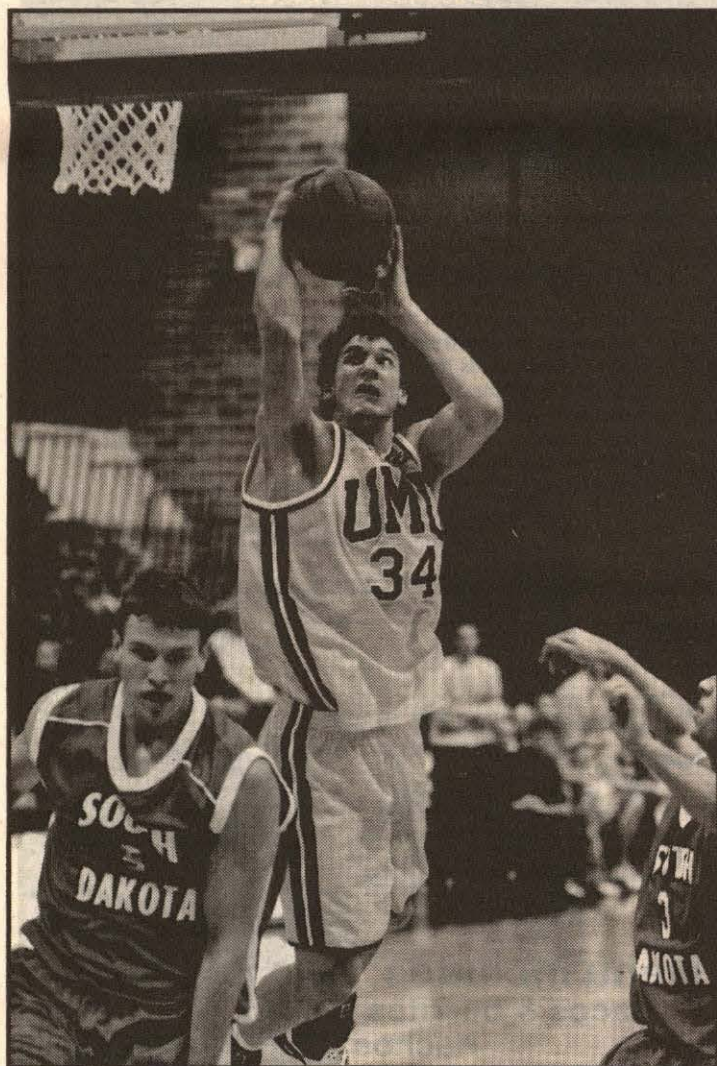
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Bryan Foss (34) drives to the hoop in a losing effort to the University of South Dakota. Foss leads the team in scoring, averaging over 17 points per game and leads the team in rebounds.

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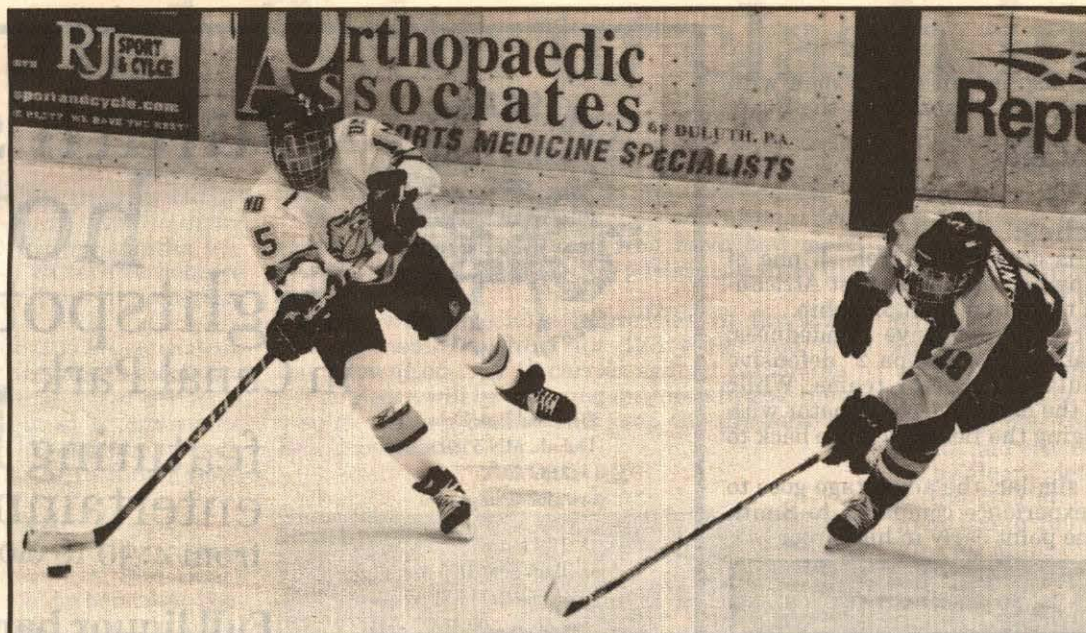
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his teammates.

"It makes a big difference when your team is helping you out," said Raymond.

Defense has been a sore spot for the Bulldogs this season giving up 97 goals in 28 games, but last Wednesday night senior netminder Josh Johnson sparked the defense with 30 saves on 32 shots, including a shootout-style breakaway save after Raymond lost a loose puck. Johnson brought his record to 4-3 with a season high in saves.

The Bulldogs have eight WCHA games left before playoffs begin.



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Matt Niskanen (15) passes the puck to a teammate last Wednesday night at the DECC. The Bulldogs beat the University of Northern Michigan (UNM) 4-2. Earlier the Bulldogs defeated UNM 6-4 in mid-November. The rematch with UNM is the last non-conference game of the season.

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2008 pay day has little affect on Santana

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — By winning his second AL Cy Young Award in three years, Johan Santana set himself up for a big payday when his contract expires after the 2008 season.

While the Minnesota Twins ponder the possibility of negotiating an expensive extension with their star left-hander this spring, they also will be preparing to rely on him even more given the uncertainty behind him in the rotation following Brad Radke's retirement and Francisco Liriano's elbow injury.

These are potentially heavy burdens for a pitcher to carry, but if anyone in the major leagues can maintain his focus on the mound and away from money or extraordinary expectations it's probably Santana.

"I don't think he lets much that surrounds him or us affect what he does," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said. "He knows what he wants to do. He knows how to get prepared."

He also knows his duty as the staff ace.

"I'll tell you one thing: Responsibility is part of what Johan Santana has felt for the last four years. That's what I want to do, and that's part of my job," Santana said Friday night at the Metrodome during the team's winter fan festival.

Santana's demeanor, competitive drive, influence in the clubhouse and unparalleled success over the past several seasons will make it difficult for Minnesota to keep him much longer if market demand continues to produce record-setting salaries for pitchers.

Santana, who tied for the most wins in the majors with 19 and led the AL in ERA (2.77), strikeouts (245) and innings pitched (233 2-3), will be paid \$13 million this year and \$13.25 million in 2008. That's a clear bargain, based on his dominance and the deals some of his less-talented peers are playing under.

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As dynamic as Hester is, he also led all return men with eight fumbles and is perhaps as big of a liability for the Bears as he is a threat to the Colts.

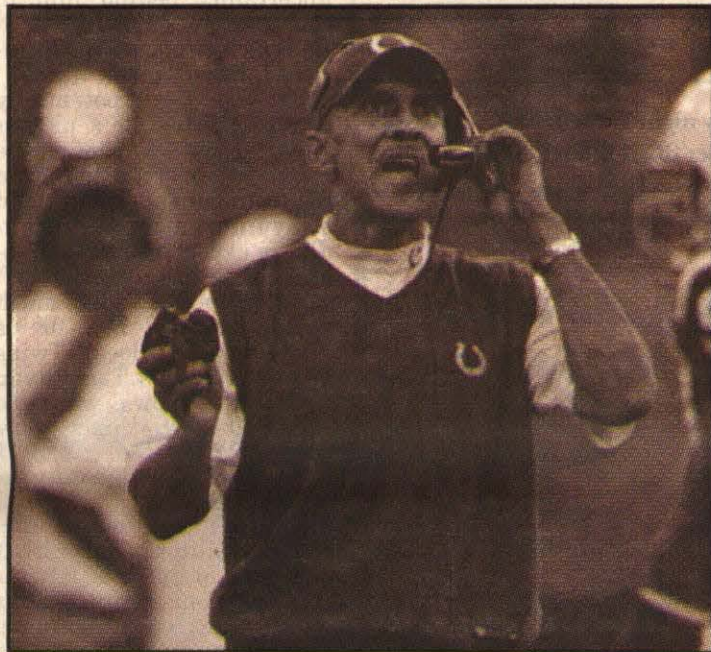
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Coaches:

As the Super Bowl winner is crowned on Feb. 4, one of the head coaches will be making history as the first African-American head coach to lead a team to a championship.

Both coaches are known for their defensive mindedness; Tony Dungy is known for creating the "Tampa 2" defensive scheme, which has become popular among NFL teams. While Lovie Smith was successful as the defensive coordinator with the St. Louis Rams before bringing the Bears' defense back to superiority.

Given that both coaches are similar, the advantage goes to Dungy because he has more experience compared to Smith who was Dungy's protégé at one point early in his career.



AP PHOTO

Head coach Tony Dungy

Advantage:
Indianapolis Colts

Winner:

The Super Bowl will be played outdoors in Pro Player Stadium in Miami, which may favor the Bears since they play their home games on grass.

The Colts, however, had a much tougher road to the Super Bowl and play in the AFC which is a much stronger conference compared to the NFC.

Having beaten the Baltimore Ravens, the NFL's best defense, and the New England Patriots to reach the Super Bowl, the Bears should seem like a step down.

For the Bears to win, their defense will need to play extremely well, and I believe they will need return help from Hester.

Peyton Manning and company know that this may be their only chance to win a Super Bowl, and Manning can't allow his chance to slip away.

Prediction:
Colts 27 - Bears 24



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Bears and Colts to clash in Miami

By Adan Pachon Mueller
Statesman Staff Reporter

Every year in late July as NFL training camps open, every team begins the season with the same goal: to win the Super Bowl. Seven months later only two teams will have a chance to achieve that goal: the Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts.

After a very exciting 2006-2007 postseason, highlighted by a fantastic Patriots-Colts game two weekends ago, this year's game is one of the most exciting Super Bowl match ups in recent years. I have assembled a position breakdown of both teams and some things to look for in Super Bowl XLI.

Quarterbacks:

While Rex Grossman has had a roller coaster ride this season, one full of criticism and Bears fans repeatedly calling for him to be benched, Peyton Manning has had to deal with a career full of doubt and scrutiny as well.

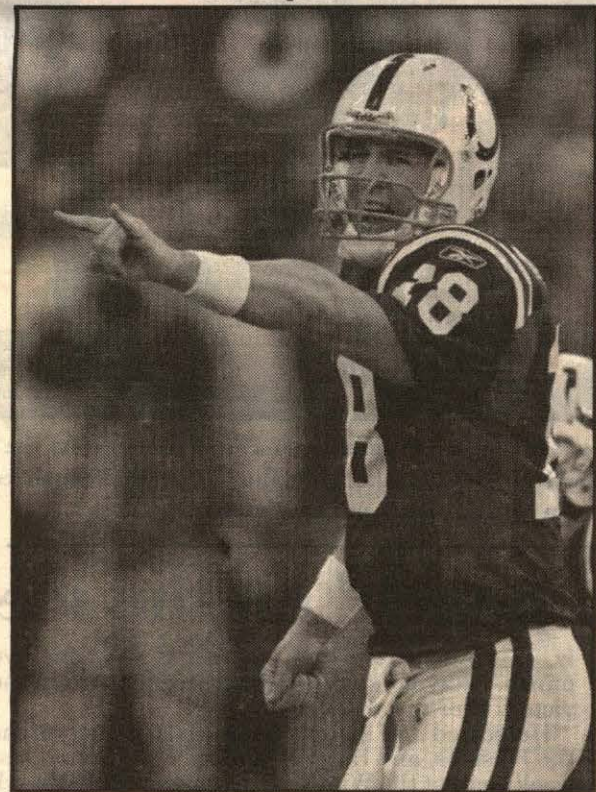
It was said that Manning could not win "the big game," as year after year his Colts would dominate in the regular season, only to repeatedly lose to various AFC teams, most notably the Patriots.

Finally in 2007 after the new year, Manning brought his team to the Super Bowl and will get his chance to win the big game.

Manning has all the physical tools and is perhaps the most intelligent and prepared quarterback to ever play in the NFL.

While Manning will be required to do "everything," Grossman's role is exactly the opposite, as he will only be responsible in executing simple offensive passes and limiting his turnovers.

Advantage:
Indianapolis Colts



AP PHOTO

Quarterback Peyton Manning (top)

Wide receiver Marvin Harrison (right)

Running backs:

Neither teams' running backs were especially impressive this season, as both teams use a two running back approach.

The Colts have rookie Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes, who both struggled against Baltimore

and New England in this season's playoffs.

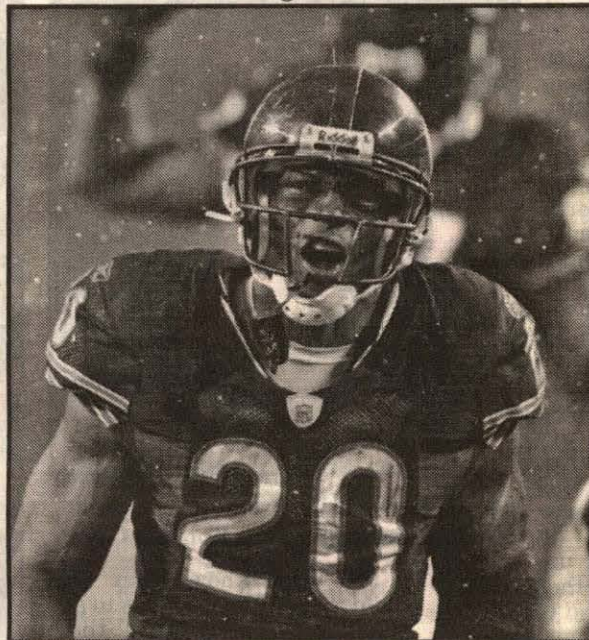
Addai is the most talented of the four backs in this game, but his inexperience and the great Bear's defense will most likely limit his success.

The Bear's use Thomas Jones and former first round pick Cedric Benson, who have had more success running the ball this postseason than the Colts have.

Jones was especially impressive in the NFC Championship, rushing for 123 yards and two touchdowns on only 19 carries against the Saints.

The Bears will be counting on Jones to give them a solid rushing attack and keep the pressure off Rex Grossman.

Advantage:
Chicago Bears



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Running back Thomas Jones

Receivers:

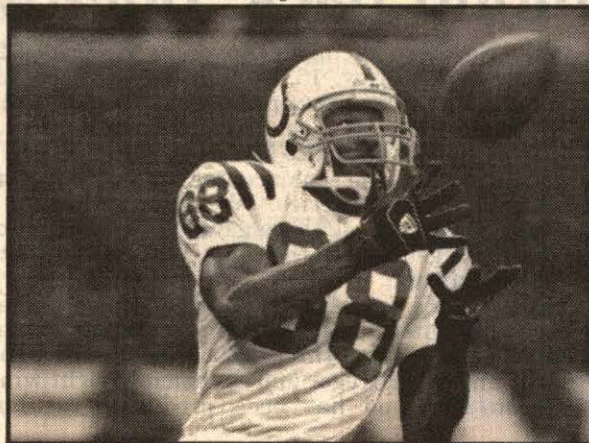
The Bears' receivers are a great mix of speed and size, and like to stretch the field with deep passes downfield.

Led by the underrated Mushin Muhammad, who has great size and some of the best hands in the NFL, the Bears also have speedster Bernard Berrian and a solid tight end, in Desmond Clark.

While the Bears' receivers are "good," they are hardly a match against arguably the best wide receiver duo in the NFL, Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne.

Both wide outs had over 1,300 yards receiving and combined for 21 touchdowns in the 2006-2007 season. Tight ends Dallas Clark and former gopher Ben Utecht give Peyton Manning solid options over the middle of the field.

Advantage:
Indianapolis Colts



Defense:

Both the Colts' and the Bears' defense began the regular season well, only to struggle later.

The Colts' rushing defense fell into shreds after week 10 and ended the season dead last in the league.

In the playoffs, however, the Colts' defense has been much improved, holding the Chiefs and Ravens to a combined 14 points, allowing only a single touchdown during both games.

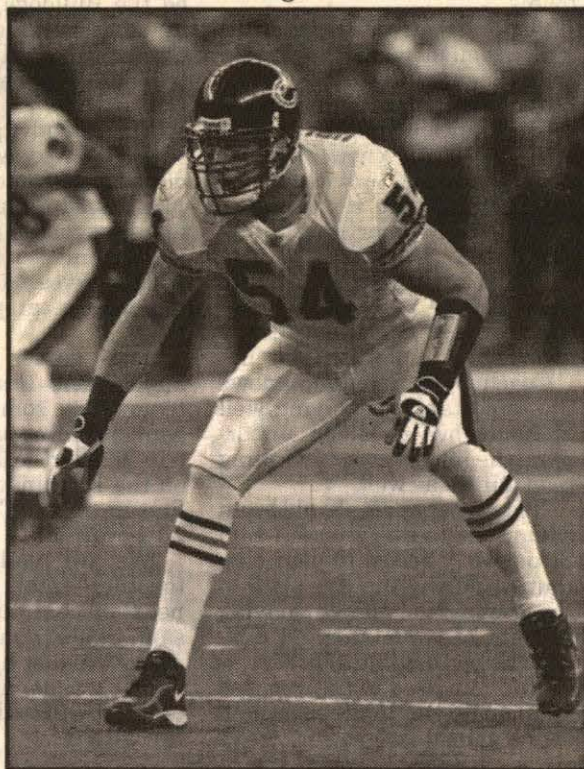
The Bears' defense also has re-emerged as one of the top defenses in the league, holding the league's No. 1 offense, the New Orleans Saints, to only 14 points and creating five turnovers.

The Bears' defense has talent at every position on the field and is very good at putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks, which could cause problems for Manning.

The Colts have two spectacular players on the defensive side of the ball, defensive end Dwight Freeney and safety Bob Sanders, but even with those two, the Bears' defense dominates in comparison.

The test for the Colts' defense will be their ability to stop the Bears' rushing attack, and the Bears' defense will have a much tougher task in stopping Manning and the potent Colts' offense.

Advantage:
Chicago Bears



AP PHOTO

Linebacker Brian Urlacher

Special Teams:

Bears' kicker Robbie Gould had a fantastic 2006-2007 season hitting 32 of 36 field goals and leading all kickers with 143 points. Gould is extremely accurate and will have no problems kicking outdoors in Miami.

The Colts' kicker, however, is the greatest postseason kicker in the history of the NFL, Adam Vinatieri.

In this year's postseason, Vinatieri is 11 for 11, and there is no reason why he would begin to miss kicks now.

The difference maker for the Bears on special teams will be return man Devin Hester, who set an NFL record with five special team touchdowns in the 2006-2007 season.

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Bulldogs unbeatable in backyard

By Eric Johnson
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The UMD women's basketball team has been playing very well this season, including an undefeated regular season record at home.

After losing an exhibition game early, the Bulldogs have since gone 7-0 in the Romano Gymnasium, letting their presence be known to visiting teams.

Players feel an extra sense of excitement when playing on their home court.

"Having home games gives us some pride to play on our own floor and know that we don't just want to win for our team, but we are representing UMD," said senior guard Justine Axtell.

The team also has a little more energy at home because they are not traveling all day before their game, said Axtell.

Coach Dave Stromme knows the importance of playing well at home but does not undermine the importance of winning road games as well.

"Playing at home should be an advantage to every team," said Stromme. "You're in your own routine during the day prior to the game, and you're playing in front of your fans and family. The bottom line, however, is that teams need to be prepared and ready to play each and every game, and so far, we've

managed playing at home pretty well."

The team hopes to continue their strong home play when they take on the Augustana Vikings on Feb. 3.

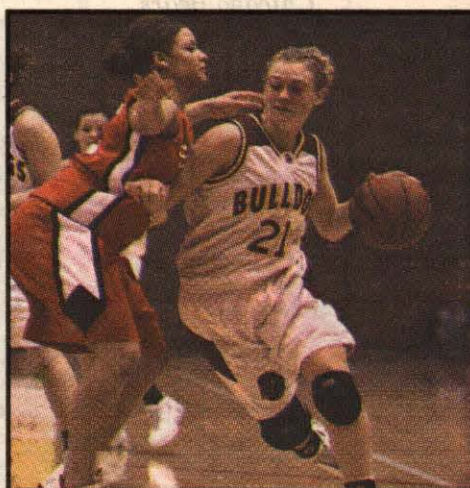
UMD currently sits third in the North Central Conference (NCC) standings, just behind Augustana.

The Vikings defeated the Bulldogs 57-56 at Augustana earlier this month, and UMD will look for redemption at home.

"We already played Augustana so we will do about the same game plan," said Axtell. "It is a huge game for us, and we only lost to them by one, so that gives us the confidence to know we can go out and beat them."

Home games have not been an obstacle thus far but the team has some tough road games coming up, including a trip to North Dakota to take on the Fighting Sioux, who are first in the NCC standings and 23-1 overall.

"We are really playing well together right now, and we need to continue to do that," said junior guard Katy Freeman. "We just have to take one day at a time, focus in practice on what we need to do and have fun with it."



Katy Freeman (21) drives into a defender last Thursday night in the Romano Gym.

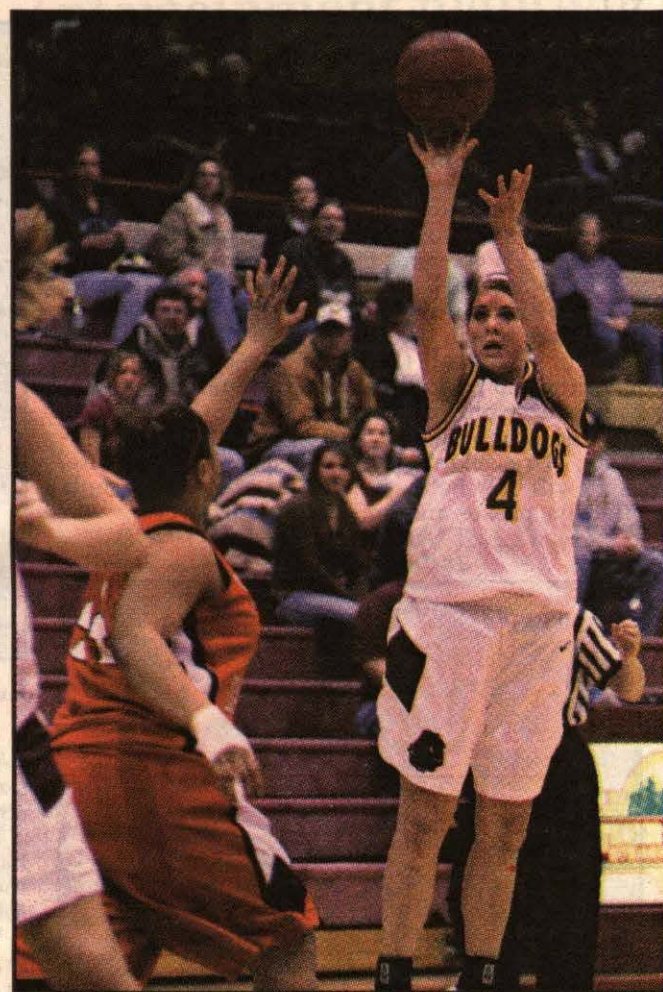
The team knows they will have to apply those ideas to get the tough wins against their upcoming opponents.

Stromme, however, does not want the team to get too far ahead of themselves.

"We prepare for each team we play the same way each game," he said. "We are focused on the Mankato game this Thursday. After that game, we'll focus on our next opponent."

The team hopes that focus will pay off and carry them with some momentum into the playoffs.

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Katie Winkelman (4) pulls up for a jump shot against the University of South Dakota last Thursday. Winkelman led the team with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

McGregor and Raymond pack 'one-two punch' on the ice

By Pete Carpenter
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The state of UMD's men's hockey team has been on the decline for the past three seasons since their historic 2004 Frozen Four run, but the team is determined to carry on tradition and keep UMD a hockey school.

The Bulldogs played with a chip on their shoulder last week since being swept by the St. Cloud State Huskies in a series that showed signs of hope amidst their season's frustration. Last Wednesday night turned that hope into reality and ended a three-game losing streak.

The Bulldogs completed a home-and-home sweep

of the Northern Michigan University Wildcats 4-2, dating back to Nov. 15, in Marquette, Michigan. It was their second sweep this year after stealing two games from Michigan Tech in early January.

"We came into practice this week with that drive and intensity," said senior center Bryan McGregor, after the St. Cloud series. "We knew we needed a win, and we can use these games as a little bit of a buffer to get back in the zone. We can't afford to take nights off."

McGregor's four scores in the last two games gives him nine for the season, matching career totals from his first three seasons combined. The front line of McGregor and sophomore, right wing Mason Raymond has been producing regular-

ly, earning the two the moniker of the "one-two punch." Raymond assisted McGregor twice in the victory over the Wildcats.

He scored five points in the last game versus the Huskies, and racked up three more points last week against the Wildcats. Raymond ranks fourth in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association with 11 goals and 23 assists.

"He's playing so good right now," said McGregor, who has six points in the past two games. "He's getting up there, catching those guys in points. I just try to get open and he just does the rest."

Raymond who scored an empty net goal with 15 second left to play, said he gets assistance from